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THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON

2 TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2019 ON PAGE 194]

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5 SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYONE. WE WELCOME YOU TO
6 THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES-- THERE'S
7 NOTHING ON MY SCREEN, BUT THAT'S OKAY.

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9 SUP. KUEHL: IT'S THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

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11 SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: WHY, THANK YOU. THANK YOU. WHERE ARE WE?
12 WELCOME TO THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
13 SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS TUESDAY. IT'S ALREADY MARCH 26TH, AND WE
14 TAKE NOTE THAT A FULL COMPLEMENT OF THE BOARD IS PRESENT. OUR
15 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS HERE, OUR COUNTY COUNSEL, THE
16 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AND OUR SERGEANT-AT-ARMS ARE ALL HERE TO
17 ASSIST. WE WILL BEGIN WITH THE INVOCATION, WHICH IS LED BY MY
18 FRIEND FROM SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S DISTRICT, BISHOP DAVID
19 O'CONNELL, THE EPISCOPAL VICAR OF THE SAN GABRIEL PASTORAL
20 REGION IN THE CITY OF IRWINDALE, IN THE GREAT FIRST, FOLLOWED
21 BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY LESLEY N. WASHINGTON,
22 FORMER SPECIALIST OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY, FROM THE CITY OF
23 LANCASTER, IN THE GREAT FIFTH DISTRICT. AND IF YOU'RE ABLE,
24 PLEASE STAND.

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1 **BISHOP DAVID O'CONNELL:** SO, ON THIS DAY, WE REMEMBER A GREAT
2 MAN THAT THE LORD RAISED UP TO SHOW US THE WAY, TO BRING LIGHT
3 TO MANY PEOPLE WHO ARE SUFFERING: CESAR CHAVEZ. IN THE GREAT
4 TRADITION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, IN THE TRADITION OF GANDHI,
5 HE SAW INJUSTICE AND TERRIBLE SUFFERING AND OPPRESSION, AND HE
6 TRIED TO CHANGE IT, AND GAVE HIS LIFE TO CHANGING IT BY
7 NONVIOLENT MEANS. WE THANK THE LORD FOR HIM THIS DAY. WE THANK
8 YOU, LORD, THAT HE WORKED TO CHANGE HEARTS, NOT JUST TO CHANGE
9 LAWS AND TO CHANGE POLICIES. HE HAD CHANGED HEARTS BY HIS
10 COMPASSION, HIS MERCY, FORGIVENESS, AND BY ALWAYS RESPECTING
11 EVEN THOSE WHO WERE CAUSING HIM AND HIS BROTHERS AND SISTERS
12 SUFFERING. WE THANK GOD FOR HIM. WE NEED HIS SPIRIT IN OUR
13 TIME SO WE CAN LEARN TO CHANGE THE WORLD IN WHICH WE ARE
14 LIVING BY THESE MEANS OF COMPASSION, MERCY, LOVE, NONVIOLENT
15 ACTION, DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN TO BRING ABOUT A BETTER WORLD
16 FOR THOSE WHO ARE SUFFERING, AND FOR THE NEXT GENERATIONS. WE
17 THANK THE LORD, AND WE ASK THE LORD TO INSPIRE US WITH THE
18 SPIRIT OF CESAR CHAVEZ. GIVE US HIS SPIRIT, LORD, SO WE, TOO,
19 CAN SEEK TO GIVE OUR LIVES IN SERVICE OF EACH OTHER, TO HELP
20 THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED, HELP THOSE WHO ARE SUFFERING, TO HELP
21 THOSE WHO ARE BROKEN, THE POOR, THE MIGRANTS, THE HOMELESS,
22 THOSE WHO ARE SURROUNDING US, AND EVEN TO HELP SOME OF OUR
23 YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE SUFFERING. GIVE US THAT SPIRIT OF CESAR
24 CHAVEZ TO MAINTAIN RESPECT AND LOVE FOR ALL PEOPLE AND ALL
25 CULTURES; AT THE SAME TIME, BY THE MEANS OF KINDNESS AND

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1 COMPASSION AND MERCY AND NONVIOLENT WORK, TO MAKE THE WORLD A
2 BETTER PLACE. AMEN.

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4 **LESLEY N. WASHINGTON:** [RECITES THE PLEGE OF ALLEGIANCE.]

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6 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, BISHOP O'CONNELL, FOR PROVIDING US WITH
7 THAT VERY INSPIRING INVOCATION. BISHOP O'CONNELL HOLDS A
8 DEGREE IN PHILOSOPHY AND ENGLISH FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF
9 COLLEGE, DUBLIN, A BACHELOR IN DIVINITY FROM MAYNOOTH COLLEGE,
10 AND A MASTER'S IN SPIRITUALITY FROM MOUNT ST. MARY'S COLLEGE.
11 I KNOW HIM BETTER AS SOMEONE I MET MANY YEARS AGO, OUT HELPING
12 WORKERS, UNION WORKERS. AND HE WAS ONE OF THOSE REVOLUTIONARY
13 PRIESTS, I THINK, THAT HELPED TO BRING US ALL TOGETHER, TO
14 SHOW US COMPASSION, AND HOW IMPORTANT IT WAS THAT ALL PEOPLE
15 OF FAITHS COME TOGETHER AND SUPPORT ALL MANKIND. BISHOP
16 O'CONNELL WAS APPOINTED AS THE EPISCOPAL VICAR AT THE SAN
17 GABRIEL VALLEY PASTORAL REGION IN 2015. THE SAN GABRIEL
18 PASTORAL REGION IS A REGION THAT RANGES FROM EAST LOS ANGELES
19 TO THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AND POMONA VALLEYS. AS EPISCOPAL
20 VICAR, BISHOP O'CONNELL IS A REPRESENTATIVE OF ARCHBISHOP JOSE
21 GOMEZ, AND HAS THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE DECISIONS ON HIS BEHALF.
22 WE WANT TO THANK HIM FOR COMING, AND PLEASE GIVE HIM A ROUND
23 OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **BISHOP DAVID O'CONNELL:** THE ONLY PROBLEM IS, ARCHBISHOP GOMEZ
2 IS NOT HERE. [LAUGHTER.]

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4 **SUP. BARGER:** PLEASE JOIN ME IN THANKING SPECIALIST LESLEY
5 WASHINGTON FOR LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE THIS
6 MORNING. LET'S GIVE HER A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.]
7 SPECIALIST WASHINGTON SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY FROM
8 2003 TO 2012, LAST SERVING AT FORT IRWIN NATIONAL TRAINING
9 CENTER. DURING HER SERVICE, SHE RECEIVED THE ARMY COMMENDATION
10 MEDAL, THE ARMY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL, THE ARMY GOOD CONDUCT
11 MEDAL, THE NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL, THE IRAQ CAMPAIGN
12 MEDAL, AND THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE MEDAL. SHE
13 LIVES IN LANCASTER AND HAS ONE CHILD, AND SHE WORKS FOR
14 D.P.S.S., AND SERVES AS A VETERAN LIAISON FOR THAT DEPARTMENT.
15 THAT ALONE DESERVES ONE BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.]
16 THANK YOU. WE HAVE SO MANY VETERANS THAT COME IN IN NEED, AND
17 TO NAVIGATE THE SYSTEM WE NEED SOMEONE LIKE YOU, WHO HAS
18 WALKED IN THEIR SHOES, TO REALLY HELP THEM UNDERSTAND WHAT
19 THEY'RE ENTITLED TO. SPECIALIST WASHINGTON, THANK YOU FOR YOUR
20 SERVICE TO OUR NATION AND FOR LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE OF
21 ALLEGIANCE THIS MORNING.

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23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE
24 CALL THE AGENDA.

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF
2 THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 3, SPECIAL
3 DISTRICT AGENDA. THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE NEWHALL RANCH
4 SANITATION DISTRICT. ITEM SD-1 WILL BE HELD FOR PUBLIC
5 HEARING. ON PAGE 4, THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE COMMUNITY
6 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. ON ITEM 1-D, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
7 HAVE REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 5, THIS IS THE
8 AGENDA FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY. ITEM 1-H WILL BE HELD FOR
9 PUBLIC HEARING. ON PAGE 6, THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE REGIONAL
10 PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT. ON ITEM 1-P, THIS INCLUDES AN
11 AMENDMENT, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ALSO ON
12 ITEM 1-P, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
13 CONTINUED ONE WEEK, TO APRIL 2ND, 2019. ON PAGE 7, PUBLIC
14 HEARINGS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5. ON ITEM 1, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
15 HEALTH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK, TO APRIL
16 2ND, 2019, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, AND ITEMS 2
17 THROUGH 5 WILL BE HELD FOR PUBLIC HEARING. ON PAGE 9, CONSENT
18 CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 6 THROUGH 17. ON ITEMS 6,
19 7, 9, 10, 11, AND 13, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE REQUESTED
20 THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 14, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
21 THOMAS, SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE
22 REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 17, SUPERVISOR
23 BARGER AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE
24 HELD. ON PAGE 16, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 18 THROUGH 26.
25 ON ITEM 19, THIS INCLUDES AN AMENDMENT, AS INDICATED ON THE

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1 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE REQUESTED
2 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEMS 20, 21, AND 22, MEMBERS OF
3 THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 23,
4 SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS THAT HER VOTE BE RECORDED AS NO,
5 AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON
6 PAGE 19, THIS INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
7 WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE
8 MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEMS 24-
9 A AND 24-B, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THESE ITEMS BE
10 HELD. THE REMAINING ITEMS, THROUGH 24-B, ARE BEFORE YOU.

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12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IT WILL BE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
13 SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS TO APPROVE THESE
14 ITEMS. IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL
15 BE THE ORDER.

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17 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ON PAGE 21, NOTICE OF CLOSED SESSION. ON
18 ITEM CS-1, COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED
19 BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
20 AGENDA. THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF
21 SUPERVISORS' PRESENTATIONS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT
22 NO. 1.

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24 **SUP. SOLIS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND BOARD OF
25 SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO

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1 MAKE THIS SPECIAL PRESENTATION TODAY. TODAY I HAVE JOSE
2 CALDERON, BRIAN NOLLNER, AND RON HERRERA HERE WITH ME TODAY,
3 TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THIS SPECIAL OCCASION. AS MANY OF YOU MAY
4 KNOW, CESAR CHAVEZ WAS A MEXICAN-AMERICAN LABOR LEADER AND
5 CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST. HE FOUGHT FOR BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS FOR
6 THE CAMPESINOS, OR FARM WORKERS, WHO WERE OFTEN SUBJECT TO
7 WRETCHED WORKING CONDITIONS AND UNFAIR PAY. HE COFOUNDED THE
8 UNITED FARM WORKERS, ALONGSIDE DOLORES HUERTA. TODAY WE
9 RECOGNIZE TWO INDIVIDUALS AND ONE ORGANIZATION WHO HAVE TRULY
10 EMBODIED AND CARRIED ON THE LEGACY OF CESAR CHAVEZ: RON
11 HERRERA, LATINO AND LATINA ROUNDTABLE OF POMONA VALLEY; AND
12 BRIAN NOLLNER. RON HERRERA IS THE INTERNATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT
13 OF THE WESTERN REGION OF THE TEAMSTERS, AND SECRETARY-
14 TREASURER OF THE TEAMSTERS LOCAL 396. IF IT WASN'T ENOUGH TO
15 DO, RON IS ALSO THE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL HISPANIC CAUCUS.
16 RON'S LIFE HAS BEEN DEDICATED TO IMPROVING THE LIVES OF
17 WORKING FAMILIES. HE'S A NATURAL LEADER, WITH CHARISMA AND
18 IMMENSE COMMITMENT TO HELP STRENGTHEN OUR ECONOMY AND
19 WORKPLACES FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE. I PERSONALLY KNOW RON FOR
20 SEVERAL DECADES. I MET HIM YEARS AGO. BUT WHAT I'M SO FONDLY
21 REMEMBERING HIM FOR IS THE DAY THAT HE PARTICIPATED ON ONE OF
22 THE MOST IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES IN MY LIFE, WHEN WE BURIED MY
23 FATHER. THERE WAS SEVERAL OF OUR TEAMSTERS BROTHERS AND
24 SISTERS THAT WERE THERE, A CARAVAN OF A LIKES OF ALMOST TWO
25 MILES LONG, PLACING MY FATHER AT HIS BURIAL SITE IN ROSE HILL

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1 CEMETERY. WHAT WAS MOST IMPORTANT TO ME WAS THAT RON AND OTHER
2 MEMBERS OF THE TEAMSTER FAMILY WERE THERE. MY FATHER WAS A
3 TEAMSTER. HE WAS A SHOP STEWARD; A HUMBLE MAN, ALSO. BUT RON
4 LIVES ON WITH THESE LEGACIES AND LEADERSHIP OF CESAR CHAVEZ,
5 AND THAT'S WHY WE'RE HONORING HIM TODAY. PLEASE GIVE HIM A BIG
6 ROUND OF APPLAUSE. RON? [APPLAUSE.] I'D LIKE TO NOW ALSO
7 INTRODUCE JOSE CALDERON AND THE LATINO LATINA ROUNDTABLE OF
8 THE POMONA VALLEY AND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. JOINING HIM BEHIND
9 US IS THE CESAR CHAVEZ PILGRIMAGE COMMITTEE. JOSE CALDERON--
10 OR HE'S BETTER KNOWN AS EL PROFESOR-- HE'S USUALLY REFERRED TO
11 AS THE EMERITUS PROFESSOR IN SOCIOLOGY AND CHICANO STUDIES AT
12 PITZER COLLEGE. AS AN IMMIGRANT AND SON OF IMMIGRANT FARM
13 WORKERS, HE HAS HAD A LONG HISTORY OF CONNECTING HIS ACADEMIC
14 WORK WITH IMMIGRANT RIGHTS, ORGANIZING AND HELPING COMMUNITY-
15 BASED COALITION BUILDING. JOSE HAS ALSO BEEN HONORED WITH THE
16 SI SE PUEDE AWARD FOR HIS LIFELONG CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
17 FARMWORKER MOVEMENT, BY THE UNITED FARM WORKERS UNION. I'M
18 PROUD TO RECOGNIZE HIM, BECAUSE I KNOW HE HAS DONE SO MUCH TO
19 HELP ENLIGHTEN MANY YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE SAN GABRIEL
20 VALLEY AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY. EVERY YEAR, HE TAKES A
21 PILGRIMAGE OF YOUNGSTERS TO LA PAZ, THE NATIONAL MONUMENT IN
22 MEMORY OF CESAR CHAVEZ. THEY DO IT BY FUNDRAISING, SELLING
23 FOOD AND HELPING THEIR COMMUNITY OUT, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY THE
24 LESSONS THAT ARE LEARNED AND TAUGHT ABOUT THE HISTORY AND
25 STRENGTH AND LOVE OF CESAR CHAVEZ. PLEASE WELCOME OUR

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1 HONOREES, JOSE CALDERON AND THE LATINO LATINA ROUNDTABLE.
2 [APPLAUSE.] AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, I CAN'T HELP BUT ALSO
3 RECOGNIZE OUR OWN COUNTY FAMILY-- BRIAN NOLLNER. HE'S SERVED
4 THE RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY IN THE CAPACITY AT THE DEPARTMENT
5 OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE LAST 29 YEARS. APART FROM
6 HIS DUTIES AT D.P.S.S., MR. NOLLNER IS THE FIRST VICE
7 PRESIDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY HISPANIC MANAGERS
8 ASSOCIATION. HE'S VERY ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY, AND SERVES AS
9 COMMITTEE CHAIR FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY HISPANIC MANAGERS
10 ASSOCIATION, PROVIDING THANKSGIVING DINNER GIVEAWAYS, AND ALSO
11 RAISING MONEY FOR STUDENTS' SCHOLARSHIPS. IN FACT, I BELIEVE
12 THEY'VE RAISED OVER \$21,000 ANNUALLY FOR STUDENTS IN THE
13 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THESE ARE THE PEOPLE THAT I BRING TO
14 YOU TODAY TO RECOGNIZE, AS WE CELEBRATE CESAR CHAVEZ'S
15 HOLIDAY. THE COUNTY YESTERDAY HAD A DAY OFF TO COMMEMORATE
16 HIM. BUT TODAY WE'RE REMINDED OF THE HARD WORK THAT HE
17 PROVIDED, HIS SELFLESSNESS, BUT ALSO HOW HE GRACES US EVEN
18 TODAY. AND THE FACT THAT WE HAVE HEROES OF OUR OWN STANDING
19 WITH US TODAY, LIVING OUT THE LEGACY OF CESAR CHAVEZ, IS JUST
20 ANOTHER WAY OF SAYING IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE CONTINUE TO
21 EMBODY THE LEGACY OF CESAR CHAVEZ. SO PLEASE JOIN ME IN
22 HONORING THESE THREE OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUALS AND
23 ORGANIZATIONS, IN CELEBRATION OF CESAR CHAVEZ. [APPLAUSE.]
24 MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE, I APOLOGIZE. IN SUCH A HURRY, I
25 GUESS, TO GET THE PROGRAM GOING. I WANTED TO ALLOW FOR OUR

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1 GUESTS TO SAY SOMETHING, BRIEFLY, WHY WE'RE RECOGNIZING THEM
2 HERE. AND I DO WANT TO POINT SOMETHING OUT. THE PLAQUE THAT WE
3 HAVE GIVEN THEM, IT'S A TILE. THE TILE IS THE FACE OF CESAR
4 CHAVEZ, AND IT WAS ACTUALLY DONE IN ARIZONA, BY SOME
5 YOUNGSTERS THAT ARE INVOLVED WITH THE YOUTHBUILD PROGRAM. WHEN
6 I WAS SECRETARY OF LABOR, I SAW THE WORK THAT THESE YOUNGSTERS
7 WERE DOING, AND ASKED THEM IF I COULD HAVE A TILE. AND SO WE
8 ASKED PERMISSION TO HAVE IT REPRODUCED, AND EACH OF THE
9 HONOREES IS RECEIVING THIS TILE IN MEMORY OF CESAR CHAVEZ AND
10 THE STRUGGLES. SO WITH THAT, I'M GOING TO ALLOW THEM TO SAY A
11 FEW WORDS VERY QUICKLY. SI, JOSE?

12

13 **JOSE CALDERON:** WELL, I REALLY WANT TO THANK HILDA. I HAD TOLD
14 BARBARA, THIS REALLY BELONGS TO THE PILGRIMAGE COMMITTEE. AND
15 ON BEHALF OF THAT COMMITTEE, WHICH IS COMPRISED OF 20
16 ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING M.E.CH.A, REPRESENTED BY FABIAN
17 PAVON, MARIA GALVAN, AND MINEL VANDREO; THE LATINO LATINA
18 ROUNDTABLE, REPRESENTED BY COMMUNITY LAWYER JOHN NOLTE, MARA
19 AYALA, ETTA ERDNER AND MYSELF; PITZER COLLEGE, REPRESENTED BY
20 MELANIE ANDREO; THE CITY OF POMONA, REPRESENTED BY COUNCIL
21 MEMBER VICTOR PRECIADO; POMONA UNIFIED, REPRESENTED BY SERVICE
22 LEARNING COORDINATOR PAUL KNOPH; AND OUR SUPERINTENDENT OF
23 POMONA UNIFIED, RICHARD MARTINEZ, AND PARENTS IN THE POMONA
24 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, REPRESENTED BY MARIA GARCIA. YOU
25 KNOW, WE ARE HONORED TO RECEIVE THIS RECOGNITION, AND WE HAVE

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1 BEFORE US SOME OF THE KEY ORGANIZERS, WHO EVERY YEAR GIVE OF
2 THEIR TIME TO ORGANIZE AN EVENING GATHERING ON THE NIGHT
3 BEFORE THE PILGRIMAGE, THIS YEAR ON APRIL 12TH, AT CESAR
4 CHAVEZ PARK, TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY, BUT HAVE
5 BEEN PART OF ORGANIZING THIS EFFORT AND LIVING THE PRINCIPLES
6 AND VALUES OF CESAR CHAVEZ. ON SATURDAY, THIS YEAR ON APRIL
7 13TH, WE'RE ALL PART OF A PILGRIMAGE MARCH WHICH HAS GONE ON
8 NOW FOR OVER 15 YEARS, IN THE TRADITION OF THE LONG MARCHES
9 THAT CAESAR LED AND FAST THAT HE TOOK IN SUPPORT OF KEY
10 ISSUES, FROM IMMIGRANT TO EDUCATIONAL JUSTICE RIGHTS IN OUR
11 COMMUNITIES. WE BEGIN AT A 300-YEAR-OLD TREE TO HONOR THE
12 ELDERS IN OUR COMMUNITIES, AND WE END AT GAREY HIGH SCHOOL,
13 AND PLANT A YOUNG TREE IN HONOR OF OUR FUTURE LEADERS, AND
14 ALSO IN HONOR OF OUR SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS. AND I SHOULD MENTION
15 THAT MARIA GARCIA IS HERE. THE PARENTS MAKE ALL THE FOOD EVERY
16 YEAR, AND EVERY PENNY OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS THAT THEY GATHER
17 ARE GIVEN TO SCHOLARSHIPS. AND WE HAVE STUDENTS NOW ALL OVER
18 THIS STATE THAT ARE GOING TO COLLEGE, AS A RESULT OF THAT
19 SCHOLARSHIP TRADITION. AND WE THANK MARIA GARCIA AND THE
20 PARENTS. IN HONORING US, YOU ARE HONORING THAT THE EFFORTS OF
21 CESAR CHAVEZ, DOLORES HUERTA, AND SO MANY WHO HAVE ORGANIZED
22 FOR CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN OUR COMMUNITIES IS ALIVE IN ALL
23 WE DO AND IN ALL WE CARE FOR. THANK YOU, HILDA SOLIS. YOU
24 EMBODY THOSE PRINCIPLES AND VALUES. AND THANK YOU, COUNTY

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1 SUPERVISORS. AND ALL WE CAN SAY IS WHAT CESAR USED TO SAID IN
2 THE FIELDS: SI, SE PUEDE. [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. I WANTED TO FIRST, OBVIOUSLY, THANK
5 SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR RECOGNIZING ME. I'M A BIT HUMBLER,
6 BECAUSE I WOULD THINK THAT SHE WOULD HAVE PICKED SOMEBODY
7 ELSE, OTHER THAN ME, TO DEPICT THE LIFE OF CESAR CHAVEZ. BUT
8 WITH THAT HUMBLY SAID, I AM HONORED. AND TO THE BOARD OF
9 SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU FOR CREATING THIS, BECAUSE WITHOUT ALL
10 OF YOU, CESAR WOULDN'T BE RECOGNIZED. AND I GET A LOT OF
11 ACCOLADES BECAUSE OF MY DIFFERENT TITLES THAT I HAVE,
12 NATIONALLY, BUT THAT ONLY COMES BY ONE REASON, AND THAT'S THE
13 STAFF THAT YOU SAW ME COME IN WITH. SO, TO MY STAFF, THANK YOU
14 VERY MUCH. ONE THING THAT I WANT TO SAY: WHAT CAESAR MEANT TO
15 ME, RIGHT? AND WHAT I TOOK OUT OF HIS LIFE WAS THE COURAGE
16 THAT THIS MAN MUST HAVE HAD TO WAKE UP DAILY, POSSIBLY, WITH
17 DEATH THREATS, THREATS TO HIS FAMILY. RIGHT? THE PRESSURE OF
18 SUCCEEDING, OF, YOU KNOW, ALL THE FAMILIES THAT HE WAS IN
19 CHARGE OF. SO I ASK THIS FAVOR OF YOU, RIGHT? WHEN YOU SAY YOU
20 CAN'T DO SOMETHING, RIGHT, OR MAYBE WE MAY NOT WANT TO GO TO
21 THAT EXTREME, REMEMBER THE LEGACY. LET'S BE THE LEGACY OF
22 CESAR CHAVEZ TOGETHER, AND HAVE THE COURAGE TO GO AHEAD AND DO
23 THAT, OKAY? THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **SPEAKER:** I, TOO, WANT TO SAY I'M HUMBLER BY THIS RECOGNITION.
2 I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I REALLY APPRECIATE IT.
3 CESAR CHAVEZ WAS SUCH A GREAT MAN, AND TO BE MENTIONED AT AN
4 EVENT FOR HIM, THAT I'M UP HERE, IT'S OVERWHELMING. I JUST
5 WANT TO SAY I'M REALLY BLESSED TO BE A PART OF THE L.A. COUNTY
6 HISPANIC MANAGERS ASSOCIATION, AND THEIR GOALS TO ENRICH THE
7 COMMUNITY. AND I ALSO WANT TO SAY I'M PROUDLY A MEMBER OF L.A.
8 COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES FOR 29 YEARS. I
9 LOVE WORKING FOR A DEPARTMENT THAT'S GOAL IS TO HELP THE
10 COMMUNITY EACH AND EVERY DAY. AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, I WANT
11 TO THANK ALL THE SUPERVISORS. JUST THANK YOU FOR YOUR POSITIVE
12 ATTITUDE, YOUR POSITIVE FEEDBACK. AS AN L.A. COUNTY EMPLOYEE,
13 I'M PROUD TO BE AN L.A. COUNTY EMPLOYEE. THANK YOU.
14 [APPLAUSE.]

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16 **SUP. SOLIS:** OKAY. I APOLOGIZE FOR THAT. MADAM PRESIDENT AND
17 MEMBERS, I'M PLEASED TODAY TO RECOGNIZE H.O.P.E., HISPANAS
18 ORGANIZED FOR POLITICAL EQUALITY: HELEN TORRES THE C.E.O., URI
19 COSCO, SONYA LOPEZ, ROSIE ARROYO, JOHANNA ARIAS BATIA,
20 MARICELA CERVANTES, LIZ ATLEE, EVELYN MARTINEZ, ALCIRA
21 DOMINGUEZ, WHO ARE ALL JOINING ME HERE AT THE DAIS. I WANT TO
22 TAKE THIS SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE A GROUP OF WOMEN
23 WHO HAVE BEEN DEDICATED TO THE EMPOWERMENT AND EDUCATION OF
24 LATINAS FOR THE PAST THREE DECADES. I'M PLEASED TO PRESENT
25 THIS COMMENDATION TO HELEN TORRES, THE C.E.O. OF HISPANAS

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1 ORGANIZED FOR POLITICAL EQUALITY. PRIOR TO SERVING AS THE
2 C.E.O. OF H.O.P.E., HELEN TORRES SERVED ON VARIOUS COMMISSIONS
3 UNDER THREE DIFFERENT CALIFORNIA GOVERNORS, AND SHE IS ALSO A
4 MEMBER OF THE CALIFORNIA LATINO ECONOMIC INSTITUTE. HISPANAS
5 ORGANIZED FOR POLITICAL EQUALITY ACHIEVED THEIR MISSION OF
6 ENSURING POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC PARITY FOR LATINAS THROUGH
7 SEVERAL LEADERSHIP, ADVOCACY, AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS. THE
8 H.O.P.E. LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE IS THE FIRST AND ONLY STATEWIDE
9 LATINA LEADERSHIP PROGRAM SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED TO HELP BUILD
10 LATINA LEADERS IN CALIFORNIA. H.O.P.E. ALSO INVESTS IN OUR
11 YOUNG PEOPLE. THE H.O.P.E. YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM PREPARES
12 HIGH-SCHOOL-AGE LATINAS FOR SELF-SUFFICIENCY BY FACILITATING
13 THEIR ASSISTANCE IN COLLEGE PREPARATION, FINANCIAL
14 EMPOWERMENT, AND PROMOTING HEALTHY LIVING. H.O.P.E. NOT ONLY
15 TRAINS LATINAS IN LEADERSHIP, BUT ALSO IN ADVOCACY. THE LATINA
16 EMPOWERMENT DAYS AND THE LATINA ACTION DAY ARE KEY PROGRAMS IN
17 WHICH LATINAS ATTEND A SERIES OF WORKSHOPS, AND TAKE WHAT
18 SKILLS THEY'VE ACQUIRED TO THE STATE CAPITOL: A DAY OF
19 ADVOCACY. SOME ALMOST, I THINK, 25 YEARS AGO, I WAS A MEMBER
20 OF H.O.P.E.; STARTED OUT, ALSO, WITH THE RANK-AND-FILE. AND I
21 WAS SO PROUD TO HOST THE FIRST LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY DAY IN
22 SACRAMENTO, AT THE TIME MARIA CONTRERAS-SWEET WAS YOUR C.E.O.
23 AND BELIEVE ME, PEOPLE WERE BLOWN AWAY. THEY WERE SO EXCITED
24 TO SEE SO MANY WOMEN FROM LOS ANGELES COME OUT TO SACRAMENTO
25 TO HELP LOBBY FOR REPRESENTATION, FOR BUSINESS, FOR ALL THE

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1 THINGS THAT WE ALL VALUE WITHIN OUR FAMILIES. I WANT TO THANK
2 H.O.P.E. FOR THEIR DEDICATION, BECAUSE THEY DO IT ALL ON A
3 VOLUNTEER BASIS. BUT THEY HELP TO EMPOWER SO MANY WOMEN, AND
4 YOU HAVE MADE A LEGACY TODAY FOR US, AS WELL. SO WHILE WE
5 CELEBRATE WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH, WE ALSO CELEBRATE H.O.P.E.,
6 AND ALSO UNDER THE AUSPICES OF JUSTICE, EDUCATION, AND CIVIL
7 RIGHTS FOR ALL OF US. SO WITH THAT, I'D LIKE TO ASK MS. TORRES
8 TO PLEASE SAY A FEW WORDS. [APPLAUSE.]

9

10 **HELEN TORRES:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. IT IS AN HONOR TO
11 STAND BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AS H.O.P.E. HAS DONE SO MANY TIMES
12 BEFORE. TODAY SHE HONORS US WITH THIS ACKNOWLEDGMENT. IN THE
13 PAST, WE HAVE HONORED HER FOR BEING THE FIRST LATINA STATE
14 SENATOR, U.S. LABOR SECRETARY, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, A ROLE
15 MODEL FOR ALL LATINAS WHO HAVE GRADUATED FROM OUR H.O.P.E.
16 LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU EMBODY THE MISSION
17 OF H.O.P.E., BY ADVOCATING FOR THE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL
18 PARITY OF LATINAS TO BENEFIT OUR DEMOCRACY AND THE STATUS OF
19 WOMEN. IT IS REMARKABLE TO REFLECT THAT IN THE PAST 30 YEARS,
20 H.O.P.E. HAS TRAINED OVER 56,000 LATINAS ACROSS THE STATE OF
21 CALIFORNIA, WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY BEING OUR HOME BASE, WHERE
22 WE HAVE DRAWN INSPIRATION, AND HAVE FOUND GREAT ALLIES AMONG
23 EACH OF THE SUPERVISORS. THE LATINAS WE HAVE TRAINED HAVE GONE
24 ON TO ADVOCATE FOR HEALTHCARE FOR ALL, THE DREAM ACT, AND
25 ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION. THEY HAVE OVERSIGHT OR INFLUENCE

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1 OVER \$26 BILLION. THEY ARE LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS, ASSEMBLY
2 MEMBERS, THEY ARE LEADERS OF NONPROFITS, CORPORATIONS, AND
3 SMALL BUSINESSES. IN SHORT, NOT ONLY ARE THEY MAKING HISTORY,
4 BUT THEY WORK TOWARDS A BETTER LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, AND
5 UNITED STATES. WE ARE PROUD THAT H.O.P.E. HAS BEEN PART OF SO
6 MANY LATINA LEADERS' LEGACIES. WE HAVE BEEN HERE NOT ONLY
7 OFFERING TRAINING TO ADVANCE THEIR CIVIC LEADERSHIP, BUT HAVE
8 ADVOCATED FOR THEM AND HAVE ENSURED THAT H.O.P.E. PROJECTED
9 THEIR STORIES, AND ENSURING THAT LATINAS' CONTRIBUTIONS WOULD
10 NOT BE FORGOTTEN OR DISMISSED. WE ARE OVER 7 MILLION STRONG
11 LATINAS IN CALIFORNIA, AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE SO ALL
12 VOICES ARE HEARD, UNDERSTOOD, RESPECTED, AND VALUED. WE HUMBL
13 ACCEPT THIS RECOGNITION ON BEHALF OF LATINAS DURING WOMEN'S
14 HISTORY MONTH. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.
17 DELIGHTED TO BE HERE TODAY FOR THIS SPECIAL TRIBUTE IN HONOR
18 OF THE CELEBRATION OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH. AND I'M PLEASED
19 TO HONOR AN INDIVIDUAL THAT HAS CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO THE
20 BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND THE LOCAL ECONOMY THROUGHOUT SOUTHERN
21 CALIFORNIA. SHE IS THE ONE AND ONLY MIMI SONG. GIVE HER A BIG
22 ROUND OF APPLAUSE, WILL YOU? [APPLAUSE.] I'VE KNOWN MIMI FOR
23 NOW SOME 25 YEARS, AND SHE HAS ASCENDED TO THE ROLE OF THE
24 CHAIRWOMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF SUPERIOR GROCERS. IN
25 1981, SHE FOUNDED SUPERIOR GROCERS. SHE STARTED WITH ONE

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1 STORE, AND SINCE HAS LED THAT COMPANY IN GROWTH, WHICH NOW
2 INCLUDES 45 STORES THROUGHOUT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, EMPLOYING
3 APPROXIMATELY 4500 EMPLOYEES. SUPERIOR GROCERS IS THE LARGEST
4 INDEPENDENTLY OWNED CHAIN OF GROCERY STORES IN SOUTHERN
5 CALIFORNIA. MIMI IS COMMITTED TO ENSURING THAT OUR DIVERSE
6 COMMUNITIES OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARE RECEIVING HIGH-QUALITY
7 SERVICE AND HIGH-QUALITY FOOD IN EVERY SINGLE STORE. ONE WAY
8 SHE ACCOMPLISHES THAT IS BY HIRING FROM THE LOCAL COMMUNITY OF
9 STORES THROUGHOUT THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA, AND THAT'S
10 IMPORTANT TO HER. IT'S A PART OF THE CORPORATE VALUES OF
11 SUPERIOR GROCERS. UNDER HER LEADERSHIP, SUPERIOR GROCERS HAS
12 BECOME A LEADER IN PROVIDING QUALITY, VALUE, AND SERVICE TO
13 THEIR CUSTOMERS. IT WAS IN 1995 SHE FOUNDED SUPERIOR'S
14 NONPROFIT FOUNDATION, A COMMUNITY RE-ENGINEERING INCORPORATED
15 TO ASSIST LOCAL PROGRAMS GEARED AT HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE
16 THRIVE. THROUGH THE FOUNDATION'S ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENTS, THEY
17 HAVE BEEN ABLE TO RAISE AND DONATE OVER \$1.5 MILLION TO LOCAL
18 SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES THAT THEY SERVE. HER LEADERSHIP IN
19 BOTH BUSINESS AND THE COMMUNITY HAS NOT GONE UNNOTICED. SHE IS
20 THE RECIPIENT OF THE UNITED GROCERS BEN SCHWARTZ RETAIL
21 GROCERS VISIONARY AWARD FOR HER LEADERSHIP AND INNOVATION IN
22 THE RETAIL GROCERY INDUSTRY. SHE HAS AN EXEMPLARY CAREER
23 WORKING IN THE BUSINESS AND RETAIL GROCERY INDUSTRY, FOR WHICH
24 SHE IS BROADLY CELEBRATED. AND SO, MIMI, IT'S ON BEHALF OF THE
25 ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT I COMMEND YOU FOR A STELLAR

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1 CAREER IN THE BUSINESS AND RETAIL GROCERY INDUSTRY, AND FOR
2 BEING A ROLE MODEL FOR WOMEN IN ALL WALKS OF LIFE. LADIES AND
3 GENTLEMEN, GIVE A WARM APPLAUSE TO MIMI SONG. [APPLAUSE.]

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5 **MIMI SONG:** I DON'T KNOW WHAT AM I GOING TO SAY. I'M SO
6 EXCITED, SO HONORED, AND I'M SO HUMBLLED TO ACCEPT THIS SPECIAL
7 RECOGNITION. AND I'D LIKE TO SAY TO ALL THE BOARD OF
8 SUPERVISORS, ESPECIALLY SUPERVISORS MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, I AM
9 REALLY APPRECIATIVE. THANK YOU SO MUCH. YOU MADE MY DAY. THANK
10 YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

11

12 **SUP. KUEHL:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MY GREAT PLEASURE, I GUESS I
13 WOULD HAVE TO SAY, BUT A LITTLE BIT OF SADNESS FOR THE COUNTY.
14 YOU KNOW, THE OFFICE OF COUNTY COUNSEL DOESN'T GET A LOT OF
15 LOVE, OR ACTUALLY A LOT OF LIMELIGHT. BUT THESE ARE THE
16 ATTORNEYS WHO PROTECT THE COUNTY, WHO SIZE UP THREATS, WHO
17 ROAR AT OPPONENTS, WHO RELENTLESSLY FIGHT FOR OUR COUNTY.
18 THEY'RE LIKE LIONS PROTECTING THE PRIDE. ACCORDING TO HIS
19 COLLEAGUES, PATRICK WU IS ONE FIERCE LION: SUPER-SMART, FIERCE
20 IN COURT, AND HE KNOWS EVERYTHING. AND THAT'S A DIRECT QUOTE.
21 HE'S WORKED IN SIX DIFFERENT DIVISIONS OF COUNTY COUNSEL OVER
22 THE LAST 42 YEARS. 42 YEARS. AND WHEN HE LEAVES THIS BUILDING
23 FOR THE LAST TIME-- WHICH I THINK IT WON'T BE FOR THE LAST
24 TIME, BUT WE'LL SAY AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE COUNTY-- IT WILL BE
25 AS IF A PIECE OF COUNTY HISTORY WALKS OUT WITH HIM. I HAVE TO

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1 SAY HIS COLLEAGUES ADORE HIM FOR HIS BREADTH OF KNOWLEDGE, AND
2 HIS GENEROSITY IN SHARING IT. MAYBE HE LEARNED THAT
3 GRACIOUSNESS FROM HIS MOTHER, THE RESTAURATEUR BEHIND L.A.'S
4 LANDMARK RESTAURANT MADAM WU'S CHINESE CUISINE. AHA. OH,
5 APPLAUSE FOR HIS MOTHER, OF COURSE. WHEREVER HIS GRACIOUSNESS
6 COMES FROM-- AND I HAVE A FEELING HE PROBABLY ADDED A TON
7 HIMSELF-- IT'S CERTAIN TO BE MISSED, AS WELL HIS MANY OTHER
8 TALENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN SHARED WITH THE COUNTY OVER THE LAST
9 FOUR DECADES. SO IT'S A SMALL THING TO SAY, BUT WE WISH HIM
10 WELL IN HIS RETIREMENT. HE HAS REALLY EARNED IT. SO PLEASE
11 JOIN ME IN THANKING PATRICK WU FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE OFFICE
12 OF COUNTY COUNSEL. [APPLAUSE.]

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR BARGER?

15

16 **SUP. BARGER:** WE'LL LET THEM FINISH. YOU KNOW, PATRICK, I HAD
17 NO IDEA IT'S BEEN 42 YEARS. WHEN I HEARD THAT NUMBER, I
18 THOUGHT IT WAS A MISTAKE. I WANT TO THANK YOU. WHEN I WAS
19 INTERNING, AND THEN STAFFING AS A POLICY DEPUTY, YOUR DEMEANOR
20 IS SOMETHING THAT I NEED TO LEARN BY, BECAUSE YOU CAN BE AS
21 RATTLED OR FRUSTRATED OR ANGRY, USUALLY WITH ME, BUT YOU
22 ALWAYS MANAGE TO JUST CALMLY EXPLAIN IT, AND EXPLAIN IT IN
23 WAYS THAT I UNDERSTAND, NOT IN LEGALESE. AND I WANT TO THANK
24 YOU. YOU ARE AN INCREDIBLE ATTORNEY, BUT YOU'RE ALSO AN
25 INCREDIBLE MAN, WHO REALLY WILL BE MISSED, BUT I KNOW THAT

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1 COUNTY COUNSEL WILL MAKE SURE THAT YOU STILL KEEP YOUR HEAD IN
2 THE GAME, BECAUSE YOU'VE GOT ALL THE HISTORICAL KNOWLEDGE ON
3 CASES THAT ARE OF THE PAST, BUT ALSO ONES THAT ARE OF THE
4 FUTURE, BECAUSE YOU KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT THIS COUNTY: GOOD,
5 BAD, AND INDIFFERENT. SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK. 42 YEARS.
6 WOW. WOW. SO THANK YOU.

7

8 **PATRICK WU:** I'D JUST LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR... THANK YOU,
9 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SUPERVISOR BARGER, AND THE OTHER
10 SUPERVISORS. I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT I'VE TOTALLY ENJOYED MY
11 42 YEARS WITH THE COUNTY COUNSEL'S OFFICE. I'M VERY THANKFUL
12 FOR THE OPPORTUNITY FOR WORKING FOR SUCH A FANTASTIC
13 ORGANIZATION, ALONGSIDE TREMENDOUS, SMART, AND TALENTED
14 COLLEAGUES. I LEAVE WITH A BIT OF SADNESS; HOWEVER, I ALSO
15 LEAVE WITH MEMORIES OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS, TEAMWORK, AND
16 FRIENDSHIP. AND FOR ALL MY COUNTY COUNSEL COLLEAGUES OUT
17 THERE, YOU ROCK! THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

18

19 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, PATRICK. OKAY. SO, IN COMPARISON WITH
20 PATRICK WU, STEVE ESTABROOK HAS BEEN WITH US KIND OF IN THE
21 BLINK OF AN EYE, BUT HE'S DONE AMAZING THINGS AT THE OFFICE OF
22 COUNTY COUNSEL. SORT OF A THEME HERE. MARY, WHAT ARE YOU
23 DOING? THE ATTORNEYS ARE BAILING LIKE CRAZY HERE. SO, WHILE AT
24 THE OFFICE OF COUNTY COUNSEL, HE JOINED IN 2007, SERVED AS AN
25 ATTORNEY WITH THEM AS LITIGATION COST MANAGER. HE WAS

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1 RESPONSIBLE FOR TRACKING COUNTY LITIGATION EXPENSES AND
2 DEVELOPING COST CONSTRAINT MEASURES. NOW, AS YOU PROBABLY
3 WOULD GUESS, OUR LITIGATION COSTS ARE SUBSTANTIAL, SO WE'RE
4 VERY GRATEFUL FOR STEVE HAVING DEVELOPED AN ANNUAL REPORT
5 THAT PROVIDES US WITH A DETAILED AND FOCUSED ANALYSIS OF THE
6 TOP 10 DEPARTMENTS RESPONSIBLE FOR 90 PERCENT OF THE COUNTY'S
7 LITIGATION. I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THE DEPARTMENTS FEEL THAT'S
8 SUCH A TERRIFIC JOB, BUT I HAVE TO SAY THE SUPERVISORS REALLY
9 DO APPRECIATE IT. YOU CAN GUESS WHICH DEPARTMENTS THEY ARE.
10 I'M NOT GOING TO TELL YOU. BUT STEVE'S ANALYSIS HAS BEEN
11 INVALUABLE IN HELPING THE BOARD FOCUS OUR ATTENTION ON WHERE
12 THOSE LITIGATION COSTS ARE CENTERED. HE ALSO MODIFIED THE
13 CONTRACT MANAGING LITIGATION FOR AUTOMOBILE AND GENERAL
14 LIABILITY MATTERS. AND THAT DECISION SAVED THE COUNTY NEARLY
15 \$2 MILLION, THANKS TO STEVE. SO, DURING HIS CAREER AT THE
16 COUNTY, HE'S BEEN RECOGNIZED MANY TIMES OVER FOR HIS
17 CONTRIBUTIONS IN LEADERSHIP TO COUNTY COUNSEL'S OFFICE, THE
18 LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD, AND CLIENT DEPARTMENTS. HE
19 HAS EARNED THE DEEP RESPECT, ADMIRATION, AND GRATITUDE OF HIS
20 CLIENTS AND OF HIS COLLEAGUES. SO PLEASE JOIN ME IN THANKING
21 STEVE FOR HIS SERVICE, AND WISHING HIM AND HIS FAMILY WELL IN
22 HIS RETIREMENT. [APPLAUSE.]

23

24 **STEVE ESTABROOK:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'D LIKE TO THANK MY
25 WIFE, FIRST OF ALL, MARYANN, WHO'S HERE WITH ME TODAY. IT'S

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1 BEEN 26 YEARS, AND THAT'S THE LAST TIME I MADE A DECISION-- A
2 GOOD DECISION-- ON MY OWN. [LAUGHTER.] ALSO, SHE'S PUT UP WITH
3 LONG HOURS, SHORT VACATIONS, AND SHE'S BEEN RAISING THE KIDS
4 PRETTY MUCH BY HERSELF, BECAUSE OF MY LONG HOURS, SO I REALLY
5 NEED TO THANK HER. AND MY TWO YOUNGEST ARE HERE. SHE'S RAISED
6 FOUR KIDS, AND MY TWO YOUNGEST ARE JACK AND LEANN, AND I THINK
7 IT'S PROBABLY BETTER THAT SHE RAISED THEM, BECAUSE I THINK
8 THEY TURNED OUT GREAT, AND I'M VERY PROUD OF THEM. AND I'D
9 ALSO LIKE TO THANK THE MEMBERS OF THIS BOARD. YOU'RE REALLY AN
10 IMPRESSIVE GROUP. I SPENT A LOT OF TIME IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR,
11 AND PEOPLE WORK HARD, BUT YOU WORK HARD FOR OTHER PEOPLE, AND
12 I'M REALLY HONORED TO HAVE SERVED YOU AND HAVE WORKED FOR YOU,
13 AND ALSO YOUR VERY CAPABLE STAFF. IT'S BEEN MY HONOR. I'VE
14 ALSO BEEN PRIVILEGED TO WORK FOR A GREAT DEPARTMENT, COUNTY
15 COUNSEL, AND AS PAT SAID, THE VERY GIFTED, BRIGHT PEOPLE
16 THERE. IT'S BEEN A REAL PLEASURE FOR ME TO WORK FOR THEM;
17 ALSO, FOR THEIR LEADERS, INCLUDING MARY WICKHAM, WHO IS REALLY
18 AN INNOVATIVE AND VERY ENERGETIC LEADER, AND IS LEADING VERY
19 BRIGHT PEOPLE INTO THE FUTURE. SO I WISH YOU ALL THE LUCK ON
20 THAT. AND THEN, FINALLY, I'D LIKE TO THANK MY STAFF, WHO, OVER
21 THE LAST 12 YEARS, HAS BEEN INVALUABLE, AND THEY WORKED
22 EXTREMELY HARD FOR ANY SUCCESS THAT I MIGHT HAVE, AND SHOULD
23 BE CREDITED WITH ALL OF IT, AND THAT'S MYRA AND JESSICA. I
24 ALSO WANT TO THANK MARIA AND MICHELLE. IN ADDITION TO
25 MICHELLE, I'D LIKE TO THANK VIVIAN, AND THANK YOU ALL VERY

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1 MUCH. AND ALSO MY NEWEST ADDITIONS, JOANNE AND VERONICA, AND
2 ALSO MY STAFF ATTORNEY, TOM PARKER. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH,
3 AND THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. [APPLAUSE.]

4

5 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. MANY TIMES WHEN SOMEONE
6 NEEDS TO CHANGE THEIR LIFE, ALL THEY NEED IS SOMEONE TO GIVE
7 THEM HOPE FOR A SECOND CHANCE. TODAY, I TRULY AM HONORED TO
8 RECOGNIZE THE FLINTRIDGE CENTER, WHO HAS MADE IT THEIR MISSION
9 TO WALK ALONGSIDE INDIVIDUALS AS THEY NAVIGATE LIFE AFTER
10 EXPERIENCING CYCLES OF POVERTY, VIOLENCE, AND INCARCERATION.
11 EACH YEAR, OVER 500 INDIVIDUALS UTILIZE FLINTRIDGE'S CENTER
12 PROGRAMS, EFFECTIVELY TRANSFORMING THEIR LIVES AND ALLOWING
13 THEM TO REINTEGRATE AND CONTRIBUTE TO OUR COMMUNITY.
14 FLINTRIDGE PROVIDES AN APPRENTICESHIP PREPARATION PROGRAM FOR
15 FORMERLY INCARCERATED ADULTS, A YOUTH PROMISE PROGRAM FOR
16 YOUTH AT HIGH-RISK CIRCUMSTANCES, REINTEGRATION SERVICES, AND
17 INDIVIDUALIZED CASE MANAGEMENT. THIS INCREDIBLE LEGACY STARTED
18 WITH THE FLINTRIDGE FOUNDATION, WHICH WAS FOUNDED IN 1986.
19 THIS HAS BEEN GOING ON SINCE, BEFORE BEING RENAMED, IN 2007,
20 TO THE FLINTRIDGE CENTER, AS WE KNOW IT TODAY. THE FOUNDATION
21 WAS CULTIVATED BY FRANCIS AND LOUISA MOSELEY, WHOSE FOUR
22 CHILDREN BECAME THE FOUNDING DIRECTORS. WE HAVE ONE OF THESE
23 FOUR CHILDREN WITH US TODAY. JAYLENE MOSELEY NOW SERVES AS A
24 PRESIDENT OF FLINTRIDGE CENTER, AND HAS BEEN A FORCE OF GOOD
25 IN PASADENA AND ALTADENA FOR MORE THAN 35 YEARS. AND, JAYLENE,

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1 I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR REACHING OUT TO ME AND REALLY
2 EDUCATING ME ABOUT THE AMAZING WORK THAT YOU DO. THROUGH
3 JAYLENE'S LEADERSHIP AND THE EFFORTS OF THE DEDICATED STAFF,
4 FLINTRIDGE CENTER PROVIDES HOPE AND OPPORTUNITIES TO
5 INDIVIDUALS OF HIGH-RISK CIRCUMSTANCES ALL OVER LOS ANGELES
6 COUNTY. THROUGH THEIR PROGRAM AND SERVICES, FLINTRIDGE CENTER
7 HELPS CONTRIBUTE TO A HEALTHY, SAFE COMMUNITY, WHERE FAMILIES
8 THRIVE, YOUTH REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL, AND EQUALITY AND
9 OPPORTUNITY ARE ACCESSIBLE. FOR THEIR EFFORTS, THE
10 ORGANIZATION HAS EARNED PRAISE FROM THE PASADENA POLICE
11 DEPARTMENT. WE HAVE THE POLICE CHIEF HERE TODAY, WHO'S GOING
12 TO SAY A FEW WORDS. THE DEPARTMENT AND ORGANIZATION HAVE
13 JOINED FORCES AND WORK COLLABORATIVELY TO ENSURE THE COMMUNITY
14 MEMBERS CONTINUE ON A POSITIVE PATH FORWARD. WE'RE EXCITED TO
15 HAVE, AS I SAID, PASADENA'S POLICE CHIEF, JOHN PEREZ, AND
16 LIEUTENANT CLAUSON HERE TODAY TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT. I KNOW,
17 WITH TERRIFIC COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS, FLINTRIDGE CENTER WILL
18 CONTINUE TO THRIVE, AND THE NUMBERS ARE ESPECIALLY PROMISING.
19 ACROSS LOS ANGELES COUNTY, THE RECONVICTION RATE OVER THREE
20 YEARS IS 46.1 PERCENT. FOR THOSE WHO HAVE CONNECTED WITH THE
21 FLINTRIDGE CENTER, THE THREE-YEAR RATE IS ONLY 15 PERCENT. AND
22 LAST YEAR, FLINTRIDGE CENTER ANNOUNCED THAT THEIR RATE HAD
23 DECREASED TO 7.5 PERCENT. LET'S GIVE THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE
24 FOR THAT. [APPLAUSE.] THESE NUMBERS SPEAK VOLUMES, BUT STORIES
25 SPEAK LOUDER AND MORE CLEARLY ABOUT FLINTRIDGE CENTER'S

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1 ABILITY TO CHANGE LIVES. NOW I'D LIKE TO TURN IT OVER TO
2 DANIEL TORRES, WHO SERVES AS FLINTRIDGE CENTER'S REINTEGRATION
3 SPECIALIST. DANIEL'S PASSION STEMS FROM HIS OWN EXPERIENCE.
4 FORMERLY INCARCERATED, DANIEL'S LIFE WAS TOTALLY TRANSFORMED
5 BY FLINTRIDGE CENTER'S APPRENTICESHIP PREPARATION PROGRAM. IT
6 IS AN HONOR-- AND I MEAN THIS, IT IS AN HONOR-- TO RECOGNIZE
7 FLINTRIDGE CENTER'S INCREDIBLE IMPACT, AND I'M EAGER FOR YOU
8 ALL TO HEAR MORE ABOUT DANIEL'S STORY. I'M PROUD TO HAVE
9 FLINTRIDGE CENTER IN MY DISTRICT, AND AS A CORNERSTONE OF THE
10 FIFTH DISTRICT, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING MORE LIVES
11 CHANGED AS WE MOVE FORWARD. AND AFTER YOU, DANIEL, WE'LL HEAR
12 FROM POLICE CHIEF PEREZ. DANIEL?

13

14 **DANIEL TORRES:** I'LL MAKE SURE I GET THIS RIGHT. THANK YOU,
15 SUPERVISOR BARGER. SO, FIRST OF ALL, THE WORK AT FLINTRIDGE IS
16 LIFE AND DEATH, AS MOST OF YOU KNOW IT, AND I MEAN THAT
17 LITERALLY. SO, SOME OF THE GREAT THINGS GOING ON AT THE COUNTY
18 LEVEL WITH A LOT OF ATTENTION ON REENTRY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE,
19 AND KIND OF JUSTICE REFORM, AND LOOKING AT THESE THINGS, IS IT
20 PRESENTS A LOT OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE THAT ARE RETURNING
21 HOME FROM INCARCERATION TO, ONE, REBUILD THEIR OWN LIVES, BUT
22 ALSO SUSTAIN THEIR FAMILIES AND HAVE JUST A MEANINGFUL LIFE.
23 AND ONE OF THE WAYS THAT THAT HAPPENED FOR ME IS, I COME FROM
24 PRETTY MUCH A BROKEN HOME. FATHER WAS INCARCERATED FOR 20
25 YEARS, MOTHER STRUGGLED A LOT, AND I WAS FIRST INCARCERATED

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1 WHEN I WAS 13 YEARS OLD. I DIDN'T GET OUT TILL I WAS 18, IN
2 AND OUT OF JUVENILE HALLS AND GROUP HOMES, AND AT 19 I WAS
3 CONVICTED OF MY FIRST FELONY. AT 19, I FOUND MYSELF WITH A
4 CHILD ON THE WAY AND JUST TRYING TO FIGURE OUT LIFE. AND IT
5 WAS DEPRESSING, IT WAS FRUSTRATING, AND I FELT REALLY HOPELESS
6 AT TIMES, TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO MAKE SURE THAT I CAN
7 MAKE ENDS MEET. NOW, IN 2012, I FOUND A FLYER FOR THE
8 APPRENTICESHIP PREPARATION PROGRAM, AND ON THE COVER IT SAID,
9 "DO YOU WANT TO MAKE \$60,000 TO \$100,000 A YEAR?" ANY UNION
10 PEOPLE IN HERE? RIGHT? LIVE BETTER, WORK UNION. THAT'S WHERE
11 IT'S AT. AND FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THAT'S WHERE IT'S
12 AT. AND I THINK SOME OF THE AWESOME THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING
13 AROUND THE COUNTY IS THE COUNTY P.L.A. ENSURING THAT LOCAL
14 PEOPLE ARE GOING TO WORK ON COUNTY PROJECTS, LED BY THE L.A.
15 AND ORANGE COUNTY BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADE COUNCIL,
16 REALLY OFFERS A DIRECT LINKAGE AND PATHWAY TO PEOPLE THAT HAVE
17 SUSTAINABLE CAREERS, GOOD RETIREMENT, PENSION, AND ALL THOSE
18 OTHER GREAT THINGS THAT SOME OF US MIGHT TAKE FOR GRANTED,
19 BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE-- I MEAN, WE'VE NEVER KNOWN ANYTHING BUT
20 THAT. BUT TO KNOW THAT I WENT THROUGH A PROCESS, AND NOBODY
21 HANDED ME ANYTHING. NOBODY GAVE ME A HANDOUT. I WANT YOU GUYS
22 TO UNDERSTAND THAT. PEOPLE COMING HOME FROM INCARCERATION, A
23 LOT OF US AREN'T LOOKING FOR JUST A HANDOUT. WE'RE JUST
24 LOOKING FOR AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND A PATHWAY FOR SOMETHING
25 THAT'S SUSTAINABLE. AND A LOT OF TIMES, BECAUSE OF THE

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1 BACKGROUND, THOSE DOORS OF OPPORTUNITY ARE SLAMMED IN OUR
2 FACE. BUT I HAVE FAMILY AND I HAVE CHILDREN THAT I WANT TO
3 RAISE MEANINGFUL, TOO. SO I DON'T WANT TO TAKE TOO MUCH MORE
4 TIME FROM MR. PEREZ HERE, BUT I JUST WANT YOU GUYS TO KNOW
5 THAT THE WORK HAPPENING AT FLINTRIDGE-- AND NOT JUST
6 FLINTRIDGE. I SAW A BROTHER FROM A.R.C. HERE EARLIER, INSIDE
7 O.U.T. WRITERS. THERE'S SO MUCH AWESOME WORK HAPPENING AROUND
8 THE COUNTY FOR REENTRY. LET'S JUST KEEP ON DOING THIS.

9 [APPLAUSE.]

10

11 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, DANNY. FOR A QUICK MOMENT, WHAT I WANT TO
12 SAY, THIS WAS A GRASSROOTS EFFORT 10 YEARS AGO. NO MONEY, NO
13 BUDGET. A LOT OF US GOT ON THE SIDEWALKS AND STARTED KNOCKING
14 ON THE DOORS OF NONPROFITS FOR A COMMUNITY MEETING, AND IN
15 OVER THE 10 YEARS WE'VE TRIED TO KEEP THIS TOGETHER AND TRYING
16 TO GET GRANTS WHEREVER WE COULD. AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS,
17 USUALLY, IT'S A TOUGH PLACE TO GET GRANTS LIKE THIS, BUT WE
18 PUSHED FOR IT, AND THE MONEY DIDN'T COME TO US. IT WENT TO THE
19 FLINTRIDGE CENTER. AND I JUST WANTED TO REALLY APPRECIATE THE
20 RECOGNITION BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR REALLY
21 TAKING THIS MOMENT TO DO THIS. THIS IS NOT EASY, AND IT'S
22 REALLY CRITICAL THAT WE RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE AND THE VALUE
23 OF REINTEGRATION IN OUR COMMUNITIES. PEOPLE ARE COMING BACK
24 FROM INCARCERATION WITH NOTHING EXCEPT TO COMMIT CRIME AGAIN,
25 IF YOU DON'T GIVE THEM OPPORTUNITY. THESE TYPE OF PROGRAMS

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1 THAT PUSH THOUSANDS THROUGH OUR SYSTEMS, AND WE ARE NOW GIVING
2 THEM OPPORTUNITY FOR THEIR LIVES TO BREAK THE TRAJECTORY FOR
3 FAMILY, AND IT'S PURPOSEFUL THAT WE DIDN'T CALL IT REENTRY, AS
4 THEY'RE DOING ACROSS THE COUNTRY. IF YOU LOOK UP THE
5 DEFINITION OF "REENTRY," IT MEANS TO START ALL OVER AGAIN.
6 REINTEGRATION IS TO START AGAIN WITH A DIFFERENT STRATEGY, AND
7 THAT'S WHAT WE'RE PUSHING TO DO, WHY OURS IS NAMED
8 DIFFERENTLY. SO WE SUPPORT EVERYTHING GOING ON IN THE COUNTY.
9 WE SUPPORT OTHER PROGRAMS LIKE THIS. WE ARE FORTUNATE. BUT FOR
10 LAW ENFORCEMENT, WE CANNOT GET IT DONE WITHOUT COMMUNITY
11 NONPROFITS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO BE
12 THERE WITH OUR OWN COUNCIL MEMBERS, TO MAKE SURE THIS THING
13 GETS DONE. SO WE THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING, AND THIS MAKES OUR
14 COMMUNITY SAFER FOR EVERYBODY, POLICE OFFICERS AND COMMUNITY
15 MEMBERS ALIKE. SO WE THANK YOU ALL FOR THAT. AND ONE QUICK
16 SHOUTOUT, I FORGOT, IT'S THE LEADERSHIP OF THE COUNTY
17 SUPERVISOR. WE REALLY ENJOY OUR LEADERSHIP BY MS. BARGER,
18 BECAUSE WE NEED SOMEBODY TO LISTEN, TO LEARN, AND THE
19 FORTITUDE TO TAKE ACTION. AND SHE HAS DONE THAT, AND WE
20 APPRECIATE HER VISITING AND TAKING HER BUSY SCHEDULE TO BE
21 WITH US FOR THE DAY THAT SHE DID. SO WE THANK HER FOR THAT.
22 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

23

24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, YOU HAVE ANOTHER ONE.

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** I DO HAVE ANOTHER ONE. THANK YOU. AND ANOTHER
2 ONE. AND NOW I WANT TO RECOGNIZE SOMEONE. I MEAN, WE'VE GOT A
3 LOT OF PEOPLE RETIRING. I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON HERE. I
4 KNOW. IT'S THE BABY BOOMERS, YEAH. WHEN WE RECOGNIZE ALL LOS
5 ANGELES COUNTY DOES EACH DAY, WE DON'T ALWAYS THINK ABOUT THE
6 HARDWORKING PEOPLE WHO WORK BEHIND THE SCENES AS THE NUTS AND
7 BOLTS. IT TAKES DILIGENT, DETAIL-ORIENTED PEOPLE, OFTEN DOING
8 THEIR JOBS WITHOUT FANFARE, TO ENSURE PRACTICAL NEEDS ARE MET.
9 FOR 38 YEARS, KATHY HANKS HAS BEEN A STEADY FORCE IN OUR
10 COUNTY, WORKING IN FIVE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO SERVE MANY
11 DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES. KATHY'S COUNTY CAREER BEGAN IN 1981,
12 SHORTLY AFTER SHE GRADUATED FROM U.S.C. WITH A DEGREE IN
13 BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION. SHE STARTED AS AN AUDITOR IN THE
14 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S OFFICE, EXPECTING TO BECOME A CERTIFIED
15 PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT. BUT A MOVE TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE
16 OFFICE AS A CONTRACTS ANALYST CHANGED THE TRAJECTORY OF HER
17 CAREER. THIS NEWFOUND INTEREST LED KATHY TO WORK AS A
18 CONTRACTS MANAGER IN THE TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE
19 FOR 15 YEARS. SHE WENT ON TO SERVE IN THE INTERNAL SERVICES
20 DEPARTMENT FOR 7 YEARS IN A SIMILAR CAPACITY, WHERE SHE
21 DEVELOPED THE COUNTY'S SERVICE CONTRACTING MANUAL. IN THE
22 FINAL CHAPTER OF HER CAREER, KATHY SPENT 11 YEARS AS THE
23 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES DIRECTOR OF CONTRACTS AND GRANTS
24 DIVISION. AT D.H.S., SHE DEVELOPED AND IMPLEMENTED AND
25 PROVIDED ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT FOR APPROXIMATELY 1400

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1 CONTRACTS IN SUPPORT OF HEALTHCARE OPERATIONS. USING HER
2 CONTRACTING EXPERTISE, KATHY DEVELOPED ORIGINAL CONTRACTING
3 CLASSES OFFERED THROUGH LOS ANGELES COUNTY LEARNING ACADEMY,
4 WHERE SHE SERVED AS A FACULTY MEMBER. SHE HAS ALSO SERVED ON
5 THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT HEARING BOARD, WITH THE LIVING WAGE
6 IMPLEMENTATION TEAM, AND THE LABOR PAYROLL VIOLATION
7 ASSESSMENT TEAM. IN HER ROLES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, KATHY IS
8 KNOWN FOR STREAMLINING PROCESSES, ALWAYS STRIVING FOR
9 TIMELINESS AND EFFECTIVENESS. KATHY, WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR
10 YOUR SERVICE TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR NEARLY FOUR DECADES,
11 WITH A COMMITMENT AND INTEGRITY, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY WITH
12 CARE. ENJOY YOUR MUCH-DESERVED RETIREMENT. WE WILL MISS YOU.
13 [APPLAUSE.] I'M GOING TO ASK DR. GHALY TO SAY A FEW WORDS.

14

15 **DR. GHALY:** THANK YOU, EVERYONE, FOR BEING HERE TODAY IN
16 SUPPORT OF KATHY, AND THANK YOU, KATHY, FOR EVERYTHING THAT
17 YOU'VE DONE FOR THE COUNTY AND FOR D.H.S. I KNOW THAT YOU
18 SPENT ONLY A THIRD OR MAYBE LESS OF YOUR CAREER IN THE COUNTY
19 WITH D.H.S., AND YOUR IMPACT HAS BEEN ACROSS ALL DEPARTMENTS
20 IN THE COUNTY, BUT MOST NOTABLY ON US, FOR HEALTH SERVICES.
21 YOU ARE THE PERSON THAT GETS THINGS DONE, THAT WHEN WE NEED
22 SOMETHING DONE, YOU ALWAYS FIND A WAY. YOU TELL US THERE'S A
23 WAY TO DO IT, AND YOU FIND THAT WAY, OR YOU CREATE IT, OR YOU
24 MAKE IT UP, OR YOU FIGURE IT OUT. [LAUGHTER.] AND YOU'VE NEVER
25 FAILED. AND I AM SO GRATEFUL, PERSONALLY, AS I KNOW MANY

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1 PEOPLE ARE, MANY OF WHOM ARE HERE, FOR YOUR CREATIVITY, YOUR
2 STEADFASTNESS, YOUR PERSISTENCE, YOUR INTEGRITY. WE'RE SO
3 GRATEFUL THAT YOU CHOSE TO SPEND SO MANY YEARS WITH US, AND WE
4 WISH YOU ALL THE BEST IN RETIREMENT, SO THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

5

6 **KATHY HANKS:** SO I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND
7 THE DEPUTY, ESPECIALLY THE HEALTH AND THE BUDGET DEPUTIES AND
8 SOME OF YOU, AND COUNTY COUNSEL, FOR LETTING ME BE REALLY
9 CREATIVE. AND A LOT OF TIMES WE GO OUTSIDE OF THE BOX, AND
10 SOMETIMES THERE IS NO BOX, BECAUSE THERE DOESN'T HAVE TO BE A
11 BOX IN CONTRACTING. SO I REALLY HOPE, WITH THE STREAMLINING
12 EFFORTS THAT ARE COMING OUT AND THE MOST RECENT BOARD MEMO
13 FROM THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE TO THE BOARD, THAT YOU'LL CONTINUE ON
14 ALL OF THAT. SO I'M VERY PROUD TO BE A COUNTY EMPLOYEE. I GOT
15 MARRIED IN THE COUNTY, I GOT DIVORCED IN THE COUNTY, I HAD
16 COUNTY CHILDREN. MY PARENTS WORKED FOR THE COUNTY. MY MOTHER
17 WORKED FOR FLOOD, AND MY DAD WORKED FOR ROAD, WHICH WAS EONS
18 AGO. BUT IT'S BEEN A REALLY GREAT PLACE TO LIVE, AND I LOOK
19 OUT AND I SEE A LOT OF MY COUNTY FAMILY OUT HERE, ALSO. SO
20 THANK YOU SO MUCH, EVERYBODY. [APPLAUSE.]

21

22 **SUP. BARGER:** FIRST, I'M GOING TO INTRODUCE YOU ALL TO LULU.
23 THIS IS A REAL-- OH. THIS IS AN EIGHT-WEEK-OLD FEMALE TERRIER
24 NAMED LULU, WHO IS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION AT OUR DOWNEY
25 SHELTER: 562-728-4610. LULU IS SWEET AND SLEEPING, AND IS NOT

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1 GOING TO BE A BIG DOG, SO DOESN'T NEED A BIG BACKYARD. IF YOU
2 KNOW OF ANYONE WHO'S LOOKING TO ADOPT, PLEASE GIVE US A CALL.
3 AGAIN, IT'S 562-728-4610, OR GO TO ONE OF OUR SHELTERS AND
4 ADOPT. YOU WILL NEVER REGRET IT. THIS IS A KEEPER, SHEILA.
5 THIS IS MOZART. MOZART IS A DOMESTIC SHORTHAIK, ALTHOUGH I
6 DON'T THINK THAT HE IS A SHORTHAIK. IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S GOT
7 LONG HAIR. HE'S ALSO AVAILABLE. HE'S EIGHT WEEKS OLD,
8 AVAILABLE AT OUR DOWNEY SHELTER: 562-728-4610. AND MOZART IS
9 THE SWEETEST. HE'S PURRING. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU CAN HEAR IT,
10 BUT IT'S PURRING, AND IS ALSO LOOKING FOR A FOREVER HOME.
11 WE'VE GOT A LOT OF KITTENS, BUT WE'VE ALSO GOT OLDER CATS
12 LOOKING FOR HOMES. OH, I KNOW, BABY. THIS IS AN EIGHT-WEEK-
13 OLD. SO WITH THAT, MADAM CHAIR, THAT'S ALL THAT I HAVE.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NOW IT'S TIME FOR MY
16 PRESENTATION. I'M SO PLEASED TO RECOGNIZE RANCHO LOS AMIGOS
17 NATIONAL REHABILITATION CENTER FOR RECEIVING THE 2019 WOMEN'S
18 CHOICE PATIENT SAFETY AWARD. LET'S GIVE THEM A HAND FOR THAT.
19 [APPLAUSE.] WOMEN'S CHOICE IS AN ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES
20 WOMEN WITH A COLLECTIVE VOICE, SO THAT THEY MAY SUPPORT EACH
21 OTHER IN FINDING THE BEST HOSPITALS AND SERVICES AVAILABLE.
22 THIS YEAR, THEY'VE SELECTED RANCHO LOS AMIGOS IN THE CITY OF
23 DOWNEY AS A RECIPIENT OF THIS AWARD, FOR THEIR OVERALL PATIENT
24 EXPERIENCE, LOW INCIDENCES OF INFECTION, AND FOR THE
25 PREVENTIVE MEASURES THEY TAKE TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THEIR

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1 PATIENTS. AND AS YOU KNOW, WOMEN ARE ALWAYS RIGHT. WOMEN KNOW
2 THAT WHEN THEY CHOOSE RANCHO LOS AMIGOS, THEY ARE RECEIVING
3 THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF CARE FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILY.
4 CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU AGAIN TO RANCHO LOS AMIGOS FOR
5 MAKING US SO PROUD OF YOUR CONTINUED COMMITMENT, AND TO
6 PROVIDING PATIENTS WITH THE BEST CARE POSSIBLE. YOUR HARD
7 WORK, OBVIOUSLY, DOES NOT GO UNNOTICED. WE HAVE HONORED RANCHO
8 LOS AMIGOS SO MANY TIMES, FOR SO MANY DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF
9 THEIR... REALLY, THEIR INTERNATIONAL RENOWNED SERVICES. SO,
10 AGAIN, TO HAVE RANCHO GET THIS WOMEN'S CHOICE AWARD IS REALLY
11 SO SPECIAL. SO NOW I'D LIKE TO INVITE UP ARIES LIMBAGA, THE
12 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF RANCHO, TO SAY A FEW WORDS.

13

14 **ARIES LIMBAGA:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN AND THE BOARD OF
15 SUPERVISORS. I'M ACTUALLY GOING TO HAND IT OFF TO OUR PATIENT
16 SAFETY OFFICER, DR. KONITA WILKS, WHO WILL SAY A FEW WORDS.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WHO'S A WOMAN.

19

20 **DR. KONITA WILKS:** YES. AND A PROUD VETERAN, TOO. GOOD
21 AFTERNOON. ON BEHALF OF RANCHO AND ITS AMAZING PHYSICIANS AND
22 NURSES, I JUST WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR
23 PUBLICLY RECOGNIZING US. AND I ALSO WANT TO ADD THAT OUR
24 NURSING STAFF IS ACTUALLY 85 PERCENT WOMEN. AND I JUST WANTED

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1 TO ACKNOWLEDGE, REALLY, THEIR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION AND
2 COMMITMENT TO PATIENT SAFETY.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LET'S TAKE A PICTURE.

5 [APPLAUSE.] OKAY. WE'RE DONE WITH THE PRESENTATIONS. MADAM
6 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL OUR CODE OF CONDUCT.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MAY I PLEASE HAVE YOUR
9 ATTENTION. THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
10 SUPERVISORS IS ABOUT TO COMMENCE. A CODE OF CONDUCT WILL NOW
11 BE READ, AND WE REQUEST THAT YOU COMPLY WITH IT TO ENSURE THE
12 EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE MEETING. MEMBERS OF THE
13 PUBLIC, IT IS YOUR RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN TODAY'S BOARD
14 HEARING, AND THE BOARD ENCOURAGES SUCH PARTICIPATION. HOWEVER,
15 THE RIGHT OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD MUST BE BALANCED
16 WITH THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INTERFERE
17 WITH THE ORDERLY COURSE OF THE BOARD'S BUSINESS. ALL ARE
18 REMINDED TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING RULES: SPEAKERS MUST CEASE
19 SPEAKING IMMEDIATELY WHEN THEIR TIME HAS ENDED. PUBLIC COMMENT
20 ON AGENDA ITEMS MUST RELATE TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THAT
21 ITEM. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT IS LIMITED TO SUBJECTS WITHIN THE
22 JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD. PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE
23 RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN A DIALOGUE WITH BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF.
24 PLEASE REMAIN RESPECTFUL OF THE FORUM, AND REFRAIN FROM
25 UTTERING, WRITING, OR DISPLAYING PROFANE, PERSONAL,

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1 THREATENING, DEROGATORY, DEMEANING, OR OTHER ABUSIVE
2 STATEMENTS TOWARD THE BOARD, ANY MEMBER THEREOF, STAFF, OR ANY
3 OTHER PERSON. MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE SHOULD BE RESPECTFUL OF
4 THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY SPEAKERS, STAFF, AND BOARD MEMBERS, AND
5 MAY NOT CLAP, CHEER, WHISTLE, OR OTHERWISE DISRUPT THE ORDERLY
6 CONDUCT OF THE MEETING. ANY PERSON ENGAGING IN CONDUCT THAT
7 DISRUPTS THE MEETING IS SUBJECT TO BEING REMOVED FROM THE
8 BOARD MEETING. AND FINALLY, IF YOU WITNESS CONDUCT OR BEHAVIOR
9 BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT DISRUPTS YOUR ABILITY TO
10 REMAIN ENGAGED OR PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING, PLEASE NOTIFY
11 THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS OR OTHER COUNTY STAFF. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
12 COOPERATION.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE
15 SWEAR IN THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE REQUESTING TO
16 ADDRESS US ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS.

17

18 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ALL THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE
19 BOARD ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS, PLEASE STAND AND RAISE YOUR
20 RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN IN. IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY BE GIVEN
21 BEFORE THIS BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH,
22 THE WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH, SO HELP YOU GOD?
23 PLEASE BE SEATED. THANK YOU. THE FIRST ITEM BEFORE YOU IS ITEM
24 SD-1. THIS IS THE HEARING ON APPROVAL OF THE NEWHALL RANCH
25 SANITATION DISTRICT ENGINEER REPORT AND ADOPTION OF THE

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1 FINDING OF FACTS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NEWHALL
2 RANCH SANITATION DISTRICT. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT,
3 AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED, AND THERE ARE TWO MEMBERS
4 OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THIS
5 ITEM.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WHY DON'T YOU
8 CALL THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO'VE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK TO
9 US ON THIS ITEM?

10

11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WOULD ERIC PREVEN AND LYNNE PLAMBECK
12 PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU?

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** MR. PREVEN, WELCOME.

15

16 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD
17 DISTRICT, AND THIS IS THE NEWHALL RANCH SANITATION DISTRICT
18 FACILITY MAP AND EVERYTHING. ONE THING THAT WAS NOT READILY
19 AVAILABLE WAS THE ENGINEERING REPORT, WHICH WAS FRUSTRATING TO
20 SOME OF US WHO WERE LOOKING FOR IT. I CAN ONLY SAY THAT THE
21 SD-2, THE SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 2, IS THE ONE WHERE ALL THE
22 MONEY FLOWS, BUT THIS IS AN IMPORTANT ONE, AS WELL. AND, YOU
23 KNOW, IT'S A PLAN THAT I'M NOT SUPER FAMILIAR WITH, BUT I WILL
24 SIMPLY SAY THAT WE HAVE TO BE OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT WHEN WE'RE
25 DEALING WITH SANITATION TO THE LAW FIRM OF LEWIS BRISBOIS

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1 BISGAARD & SMITH, BECAUSE THEY HAVE DONE A ROBUST JOB OF
2 MANAGING IT. IT'S A PRIVATE LAW FIRM HANDLING ALL OF OUR
3 SANITATION NEEDS FOR THE COUNTY IN SUCH A COMPREHENSIVE MANNER
4 THAT IT WOULD CAUSE GREAT CONCERN FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
5 WHO WERE WONDERING WHAT'S BEING DOTTED, BECAUSE IT'S ALL DONE
6 IN A VEIL OF LEGAL SECRECY. THAT SAID, WE DO NEED SANITATION,
7 AND THIS IS THE REPORT. SO THANK YOU FOR-- IT'S ACTUALLY THE
8 PLAN, GOING FORWARD, SO I HOPE THAT THE INTERESTED PARTIES
9 WILL TAKE A LOOK AND TRY TO MAKE SURE THAT THOSE ENGINEERING
10 REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IS THAT THE ONLY SPEAKER ON THIS
13 ITEM? I THOUGHT THERE WERE TWO.

14

15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** SHE WAIVED HER TIME.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SHE WAIVED. OKAY, SO THOSE WERE ALL THE
18 SPEAKERS FOR THIS ITEM. IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE NOW TO CLOSE
19 THE PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THIS ITEM. ITEM SD-1 IS BEFORE
20 US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS
21 TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO A
22 UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

23

24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE SECOND ITEM BEFORE YOU IS ITEM 1-H.
25 THIS IS A HEARING ON THE HOUSING AUTHORITY ANNUAL PLAN FOR

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1 FISCAL YEAR 2019-20, TO UPDATE THE HOUSING AUTHORITY PROGRAM
2 GOALS, MAJOR POLICIES, AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR SUBMISSION
3 TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN
4 DEVELOPMENT. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT, AND NO
5 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED, AND WE HAVE ONE MEMBER OF THE
6 PUBLIC WHO HAS REQUESTED TO-- TWO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO
7 HAVE REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THIS ITEM.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. WHY DON'T YOU CALL THEM UP?

10

11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WOULD MIA VALADEZ AND NICOLE PARSON PLEASE
12 COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** ARE THEY HERE? SO THERE'S NO SPEAKERS. OKAY.
15 THOSE ARE ALL-- THERE ARE NO SPEAKERS. THIS IS MOVING ALONG
16 VERY SWIFTLY. OKAY. SO IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE
17 PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THIS ITEM. COLLEAGUES, ITEM 1-H IS
18 BEFORE US. IT'LL BE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY
19 SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. IF THERE ARE NO
20 OBJECTIONS TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

21

22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE NEXT ITEM BEFORE YOU IS ITEM 2. THIS
23 IS A HEARING ON WEED ABATEMENT AND BRUSH CLEARANCE REFEREE'S
24 REPORT TO ABATE HAZARDOUS BRUSH, DRY GRASS, WEEDS, RUBBISH,
25 ILLEGAL DUMPING, AND COMBUSTIBLE GROWTH OR FLAMMABLE

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1 VEGETATION ON DESIGNATED IMPROVED AND UNIMPROVED PROPERTIES IN
2 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT, AND NO
3 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. AND THERE IS TWO MEMBERS OF THE
4 PUBLIC WHO HAVE REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THIS ITEM.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. WHY DON'T YOU CALL THEM UP?

7

8 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** JUAN MORALES, AND WE HAVE NICOLE PARSON.
9 IS LANCASTER READY?

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** LANCASTER, ARE YOU THERE?

12

13 **SPEAKER:** HI. I JUST DID, LIKE, A QUICK NOTE JUST ON MY STUDIES
14 OR WHATEVER, BUT IT WOULD ENCOMPASS, PROBABLY, THESE THREE
15 NUMBERS. JUST... OKAY, I'M JUST GOING TO READ IT, AND... HOW
16 IT GOES. WELL, LET ME DO A LITTLE PREAMBLE. THE PUBLIC SAFETY
17 IS NOT THE RIGHT, BECAUSE WE'RE LIKE WOLVES AND ANIMALS, LIKE
18 WILD THINGS, AND THE AGRICULTURE, AND WE ARE NOT BITING
19 NOBODY. AND THERE IS NOTHING TO, LIKE-- LANCASTER, THEY WANT
20 TO DO FALLOW LAND. THEY'RE NOT, LIKE, REALLY-- IF YOU GUYS
21 GIVE OUR PROTECTION OVER TO THEM, IT'S NOT-- THEY'RE JUST
22 GOING TO HURT PEOPLE. THAT'S HOW THEY DO EVERYTHING. AND WEED
23 ABATEMENT, YES, THAT'S WHERE IT SHOULD BE. AND THE COMMUNITY
24 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, I WAS THINKING, LIKE, YOU REMEMBER THE
25 COMMUNITY FORUM? SO I GUESS, LIKE, MAYBE TWO COMMISSIONS, LIKE

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1 LOCAL COMMISSIONS, BUT IT JUST GOES, "H.E.L.P." AND THEN
2 H.E.L.P., IT WAS, LIKE, CURRENT. I DON'T KNOW. THAT'S WHAT I
3 CAME UP WITH, JUST FOR LAST MINUTE AND PUTTING MY THOUGHTS
4 TOGETHER. AND IT'S HILL, ENERGETIC, LIFE, PRODUCTIVITY. HILL,
5 ENERGIZED, LIFE, PRODUCTIVITY. AND IT'S UNFAIR. OH, YEAH. THE
6 RULE IS NOT EQUAL TO H.U.D. SO IF YOU MAKE BUSINESS PRACTICES,
7 LIKE I SAID... THE IMPACT FEE FOR UNFAIR BUSINESS PRACTICES,
8 TO REDUCE MEDICAL PREMIUMS, CITY EMERGENCY SERVICES, THE
9 DISCHARGE OF WASTE, INDIGENT STOPGAPS, ENGAGES SOCIAL
10 RESPONSIBILITY AND FUNDS LEVERAGE OF AMERICAN-- THE AMERICAN
11 DREAM. SO THAT'S WHERE THE DEVELOPMENT'S AT. SO, OKAY.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IS THERE ANOTHER PERSON THAT YOU
14 CALLED UP? NO. SO THOSE ARE ALL THE SPEAKERS FOR THIS ITEM. IT
15 WOULD NOW BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE
16 ON THIS ITEM. ITEM 2 IS NOW BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
17 BARGER, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. IF
18 THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE
19 ORDER.

20

21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE NEXT ITEM BEFORE YOU IS ITEM 3. THIS
22 IS A HEARING ON A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE WHITTIER
23 BOULEVARD UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT, AND ADOPTION OF AN
24 ORDINANCE AMENDING COUNTY CODE TITLE 16, HIGHWAYS, BY ADDING A
25 SECTION TO DIVISION II, UNDERGROUNDING OF UTILITIES. THERE IS

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1 NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT, AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED,
2 AND THERE IS NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO
3 SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. SO AT THIS TIME IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO
4 CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND MOVE THE ITEM.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. ITEM 3 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY
7 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE
8 THIS ITEM. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE,
9 THAT WILL BE THE ACTION.

10

11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE NEXT ITEM IS ITEM 4. THIS IS A HEARING
12 ON PROJECT NO. 2016-001192 TO AUTHORIZE DEVELOPMENT OF A
13 MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENT LOT AND 19 ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL
14 CONDOMINIUM UNITS LOCATED AT 21017 AND 21027 EAST CIENEGA
15 AVENUE, IN THE CHARTER OAK ZONE DISTRICT, APPLIED BY JOHN
16 BEGIN, J.B. CONTRACTORS. THERE IS A DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT,
17 AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED, AND WE HAVE FOUR MEMBERS OF
18 THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THIS
19 ITEM.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. PLEASE CALL THEM UP. OR SHOULD WE HAVE
22 THE DEPARTMENT FIRST? YES, LET'S HAVE THE DEPARTMENT FIRST.
23 HELLO, WELCOME. I THINK YOUR MIC IS NOT ON YET. OKAY, NOW TRY.

24

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1 **STEVEN JONES:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE BOARD. MY NAME IS
2 STEVEN JONES, WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING.
3 TODAY'S ITEM NO. 4 IS A RECOMMENDATION OF APPROVAL OF A
4 VESTING TENTATIVE MAP FOR A NEW RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT
5 LOCATED IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF COVINA, ASSOCIATED
6 WITH THE PLAN AMENDMENT ZONE CHANGE AND CONDITIONAL USE
7 PERMIT. THE PROJECT WOULD AUTHORIZE THE DEVELOPMENT OF 19
8 ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM UNITS WITHIN FOUR DETACHED
9 BUILDINGS ON 1.07 ACRES IN THE... AT 21015 AND 21017 EAST
10 CIENEGA AVENUE. FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPOSED LOT WOULD
11 REQUIRE CONSISTENCY WITH THE ZONING DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS
12 AND STANDARDS, AND THE BUILDING CODE. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
13 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION CONDUCTED A DULY NOTICED PUBLIC
14 HEARING ON DECEMBER 12, 2018. AT THE HEARING, STAFF MADE A
15 BRIEF PRESENTATION EXPLAINING THE PURPOSE AND INTENT OF THE
16 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ZONE, AND THE APPLICANT MADE AN AGREEMENT
17 FOR THE SALE OF ONE UNIT, 30 PERCENT BELOW MARKET VALUE, TO A
18 NONPROFIT MINISTRY OPERATING FROM THE ADJACENT PROPERTY FOR
19 HOUSING AREA RESIDENTS IN NEED. STAFF RECOMMENDED APPROVAL,
20 FOLLOWED BY TESTIMONY FROM THE APPLICANT. THE COMMISSION
21 DISCUSSED THE PROJECT AND INDICATED ITS INTENT TO RECOMMEND
22 APPROVAL TO THE BOARD WITH A THREE-PERSON APPROVAL VOTE; TWO
23 ABSTENTIONS, DUE TO THE PROJECT'S RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FOR
24 DEEPER AFFORDABLE HOUSING. AFTER HEARING ALL TESTIMONY, THE
25 PLANNING COMMISSION VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE PROJECT. THEREFORE,

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1 TODAY'S STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT YOUR BOARD APPROVE PROJECT NO.
2 2016-001192 AND THE ASSOCIATED VESTING TENTATIVE MAP PLAN
3 AMENDMENT AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND ZONE CHANGE, AND
4 ADOPT THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION ASSOCIATED WITH THE
5 PROJECT. THANK YOU. THIS CONCLUDES STAFF'S PRESENTATION.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MISS BODEK, DID YOU WANT TO SAY
8 SOMETHING?

9

10 **SPEAKER:** NO, MA'AM. STAFF SAID IT ALL. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** ISN'T THAT THE WAY IT ALWAYS IS?

13

14 **SPEAKER:** IT IS LOVELY WHEN THAT HAPPENS.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I KNOW. DITTO. IS THERE AN APPLICANT THAT
17 NEEDS TO BE CALLED UP AT THIS POINT?

18

19 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THERE IS THE APPLICANT JOHN BEGIN, DON
20 STOURS, KRISTY BAUR, AND NICOLE PARSON. AND I BELIEVE THEY'RE
21 ALL WAIVING THEIR TIME. NICOLE IS, TOO.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** MS. BARGER?

24

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** MADAM CHAIR, FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO THANK THE
2 STAFF WHO REALLY DID COME. I THINK THIS IS A GREAT PROJECT. I
3 READ THAT THEY ARE WORKING WITH A NEIGHBORING CHURCH TO PUT
4 AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS AT THIS DEVELOPMENT, AND I THINK THIS
5 IS REALLY WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR. IT'S COLLABORATION WITHIN
6 THE COMMUNITY. THAT'S WHY YOU HAVE NOBODY DOWN HERE OPPOSING
7 IT, BECAUSE THEY RECOGNIZE THAT THIS IS A COMMUNITY BENEFIT.
8 SO, BASED ON WHAT YOU'VE INCLUDED IN YOUR REPORT, THE ACTION
9 ITEMS, I WOULD MOVE THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE STAFF
10 RECOMMENDATIONS AND APPROVE THIS PROJECT.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SO, NO MORE PUBLIC SPEAKERS. IT
13 WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AT THIS POINT
14 AND VOTE ON THE ITEM. SO, ITEM 4 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY
15 SUPERVISOR BARGER, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE
16 THIS ITEM. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE,
17 THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. THANK YOU.

18

19 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE NEXT ITEM IS ITEM 5. THIS IS A HEARING
20 ON APPEAL OF PROJECT NO. 96044, FOURTH AMENDMENT TO VESTING
21 TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 48086 TO AUTHORIZE REVISIONS TO
22 CERTAIN CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL AND MITIGATION MEASURES LOCATED
23 ADJACENT TO THE ANTELOPE VALLEY FREEWAY, NEAR SOLEDAD CANYON
24 ROAD IN THE SOLEDAD ZONE DISTRICT, APPLIED FOR BY RAINTREE
25 INVESTMENT CORPORATION. THERE IS A DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT, AND

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1 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED, AND THERE ARE FOUR MEMBERS OF THE
2 PUBLIC WHO HAVE REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THIS ITEM.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WE WILL NOW HAVE THE DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON AGAIN, HONORABLE BOARD. MY NAME IS
7 STEVEN JONES, FOR THE RECORD, WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL
8 PLANNING. THIS ITEM IS A RECOMMENDATION TO DENY AN APPEAL OF
9 THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION'S ACTION OF AN APPROVAL OF A
10 VESTING TENTATIVE MAP AMENDMENT. THE PROJECT AMENDMENT WOULD
11 AUTHORIZE CHANGES TO THE APPROVED CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL AND
12 MITIGATION MEASURES FOR THE CREATION OF 492 SINGLE-FAMILY
13 RESIDENCE LOTS IN A PROJECT KNOWN AS SPRING CANYON. THE
14 ORIGINAL PROJECT WAS APPROVED 2004, AND MOST RECENTLY AMENDED
15 TO BETTER COORDINATE COMPLIANCE WITH CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL
16 AND MITIGATION MEASURES, IN CONJUNCTION WITH DEVELOPMENT
17 MILESTONES. THE ITEM WAS APPEALED FOR WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL
18 CONCERNS, AND THE NARROW SCOPE OF THE AMENDMENT REQUEST
19 DICTATED THE EXTENT OF DISCRETION ALLOWED BY THE COUNTY AND
20 THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT. FUTURE DEVELOPMENT
21 OF THE PROPOSED LOT WOULD REQUIRE CONSISTENCY WITH CURRENT
22 ZONING AND THE BUILDING CODE. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL
23 PLANNING COMMISSION CONDUCTED A DULY NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING ON
24 JANUARY 9, 2019. AT THE HEARING, STAFF MADE A BRIEF
25 PRESENTATION EXPLAINING THE PROJECT HISTORY, AND RECOMMENDED

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1 THE COMMISSION UPHOLD THE HEARING OFFICER'S DECISION OF
2 APPROVAL. THE COMMISSION APPROVED THE PROJECT UNANIMOUSLY.
3 THEREFORE, TODAY STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT YOUR BOARD APPROVE
4 PROJECT NO. 96044 AND THE ASSOCIATED VESTING MAP AMENDMENT,
5 AND APPROVE THE ADDENDUM TO THE CERTIFIED FINAL E.I.R. THANK
6 YOU, AND THIS DOES CONCLUDE STAFF'S PRESENTATION.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ARE THERE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
9 THAT HAVE SIGNED UP?

10

11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES. WE HAVE THE APPLICANT, PATRICK
12 PARKER, AND THE APPELLANT, LYNNE PLAMBECK. AND THEN WE HAVE
13 ERIC PREVEN AND CHER GILMORE. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF
14 WILL ASSIST YOU.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WELCOME.

17

18 **LYNNE PLAMBECK:** THANK YOU. I THINK I GET FOUR MINUTES. I WAS
19 TOLD I GOT FOUR MINUTES, AS THE APPELLANT.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES, YOU DO.

22

23 **LYNNE PLAMBECK:** THANK YOU. FIRST, I WANTED TO BEGIN BY JUST--
24 WE WERE OUT TAKING WILDFLOWER PICTURES, AND I THOUGHT YOU'D
25 LIKE TO SEE THE BEAUTIFUL WILDFLOWERS FROM THE AREA.

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OH, GOOD.

3

4 **LYNNE PLAMBECK:** I WANTED TO THANK CHRIS PERRY AND MR. BRAD
5 PARKER, FROM-- I MEAN, PATRICK PARKER; I DON'T KNOW WHY I HAVE
6 BRAD IN MY HEAD-- FROM RAINTREE, BECAUSE THEY WORKED VERY HARD
7 WITH US. IT TOOK US APPEALING ALL THE WAY TO THE BOARD OF
8 SUPERVISORS, BUT WE ARE PLEASED TO SAY THAT, YES, WE THINK
9 THAT ALTHOUGH THERE WAS NOT A CLIMATE CHAPTER IN THIS, BECAUSE
10 THE E.I.R. WAS SO OLD, THAT THERE ARE ACCOMMODATIONS NOW THAT
11 MATCH OTHER PROJECTS IN THE AREA, LIKE NORTHLAKE AND NEWHALL
12 RANCH, AND WHAT THEY WERE REQUIRED TO DO. SO WE REALLY
13 APPRECIATE WORKING WITH THEM. WHAT WE WORKED OUT IS ON PAGE 2
14 OF OUR COMMENTS. AND I JUST WANTED TO ALSO GIVE YOU-- FIRST,
15 I'M GOING TO SAY THAT THE DECISION AT THE PLANNING COMMISSION
16 WAS NOT UNANIMOUS. MR. MOON VOTED AGAINST IT. I THINK THAT YOU
17 CAN SEE THAT ON THE TAPE, UNLESS HE CHANGED HIS VOTE AFTER THE
18 HEARING. THOUGH, I JUST WANTED TO GIVE YOU A LITTLE
19 BACKGROUND. S.C.O.P.E.'S 30 YEAR IN EXISTENCE, AND WE'VE BEEN
20 COMING DOWN TO THE COUNTY PRETTY MUCH FOR ALL THAT TIME,
21 TRYING TO BRING GOOD PLANNING TO THE COUNTY AND PUBLIC PROCESS
22 TO THE COUNTY, WHERE SOMETIMES IT DOESN'T HAPPEN; IT ENDS UP
23 BEING VERY FOCUSED ON THE DEVELOPER. OUR SPRING CANYON STARTED
24 OUR SPRING CANYON DEVELOP-- SORRY. I DIDN'T GET MUCH SLEEP
25 LAST NIGHT. OUR SPRING CANYON INVOLVEMENT STARTED IN 2000 WITH

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1 THE E.I.R., AND SO HERE WE ARE STILL TRYING TO MAKE SURE THAT
2 ISSUES ARE ACCOMMODATED. I'M PARTICULARLY CONCERNED AND ASK,
3 ALSO, THAT YOU LOOK AT WHAT BROUGHT US TO THIS APPEAL. ONE OF
4 IT IS THAT THEY DID AN ADDENDUM ON A VERY OLD PROJECT THAT THE
5 PUBLIC WOULD HAVE NEVER SEEN IF WE HADN'T NOTICED IT ON A
6 HEARING OFFICER AGENDA. AND I WOULD LIKE THE COUNTY TO RE-
7 EVALUATE THE PROCESS FOR ADDENDUMS AND HAVE THEM ALWAYS COME
8 FOR APPROVAL AT THE PLANNING COMMISSION, SO THAT THEY ARE
9 NOTIFIED AND THE PUBLIC CAN REALLY SEE WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH
10 THEM. IF THEY DON'T LOOK AT HEARING OFFICER AGENDAS, IT'S
11 REALLY HARD TO KNOW ABOUT THEM. SO I JUST WOULD LIKE YOU TO
12 CONSIDER THAT. I KNOW THAT THERE'S A LOT OF REALLY OLD MAPS IN
13 THE COUNTY. AND, YOU KNOW, THE-- AS OF 2007, THERE WAS
14 REQUIRED TO BE A CLIMATE CHAPTER. BUT IF YOU HAVE AN OLDER
15 MAP, YOU DON'T HAVE THAT CLIMATE CHAPTER. AND IT'S REALLY,
16 REALLY IMPORTANT, IF WE ARE GOING TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT CLIMATE
17 CHANGE IN THE WORLD, THAT NEWER DEVELOPMENT HAVE THE GOOD
18 ACCOMMODATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE, LIKE ELECTRIC VEHICLE
19 CHARGERS AND SOLAR ROOFS AND THINGS LIKE THAT. SO, YOU CAN'T
20 DO THAT IF PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT IT, AND YOU CAN'T DO IT
21 WITH AN ADDENDUM WHICH SAYS THAT THERE WERE NO CHANGES, AND
22 THAT'S WHAT THIS ADDENDUM SAID: NOTHING HAD CHANGED. AND, IN
23 FACT, REALLY A LOT OF STUFF HAD CHANGED. SO I THINK IF YOU'LL
24 READ OUR COMMENTS, YOU CAN SEE SOME OF WHAT WE WENT THROUGH TO
25 BE ABLE TO BRING THIS TO YOU. THERE WAS SOME VERY STRANGE

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1 COUNTY PROCESS THAT WENT ON, AND IT WAS VERY DISTURBING TO
2 HAVE TO BE PUT THROUGH THAT. SOME OF IT-- WE'VE HAD ISSUES IN
3 THE PAST WITH MR. BRUCKNER, AND HE'S APPARENTLY WORKING FOR
4 THIS DEVELOPER. AND I KNOW, PROBABLY, HE'S VERY WELL LIKED BY
5 MANY PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY, BUT IT WAS NOT EXCITING TO SEE HIM
6 SITTING ACROSS THE TABLE FROM US. SO ANYWAY, THANK YOU VERY
7 MUCH FOR MR. PERRY'S HELP ON THIS, AND FOR MR. PARKER'S HELP
8 ON THIS. AND I THINK IT'S A BETTER PROJECT. YOU CAN SEE WHAT,
9 I HOPE, WHAT WE GOT.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. GO AHEAD.

12

13 **CHER GILMORE:** OKAY. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I'M CHER GILMORE,
14 REPRESENTING CITIZENS' CLIMATE LOBBY IN SANTA CLARITA CHAPTER.
15 I'M HERE TODAY BECAUSE I'M VERY CONCERNED THAT THE PROPOSED
16 SPRING CANYON PROJECT IS BASED ON A 20-YEAR-OLD ENVIRONMENTAL
17 IMPACT REPORT THAT WAS DONE BEFORE CLIMATE CHANGE AND
18 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS WERE REQUIRED TO BE ADDRESSED IN
19 E.I.R.S, AS LYNNE HAS SAID. OUR REALITY HAS CHANGED
20 CONSIDERABLY IN THE PAST 20 YEARS, PRIMARILY DRIVEN BY GLOBAL
21 WARMING. TWO MAJOR FACTORS ARE RELEVANT TO SPRING CANYON.
22 FIRST, IT'S PLANNED FOR THE FAR SIDE OF SANTA CLARITA, WHICH
23 WILL MEAN LONGER VEHICULAR TRIPS, IN ADDITION TO INCREASED
24 TRAFFIC OVERALL, WITH MORE PEOPLE LIVING HERE, AND THAT MEANS
25 INCREASING THE EMISSIONS CAUSING CLIMATE CHANGE. FRESH WATER

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1 IS THE SECOND CONCERN. GROUNDWATER IN THIS AREA IS ALREADY
2 INSUFFICIENT TO SUPPORT ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENT BECAUSE OF THE
3 SHALLOW AQUIFER.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** EXCUSE ME. JUST HOLD YOUR TIME. WE'RE NOT
6 GOING TO TAKE-- WE WANT TO FIND OUT IF YOU ARE THE APPLICANT.

7

8 **CHER GILMORE:** NO.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NO, SO YOU DON'T GET FOUR MINUTES.

11

12 **CHER GILMORE:** I DIDN'T NEED FOUR MINUTES.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT. OKAY. OKAY, SO... TWO
15 MINUTES.

16

17 **CHER GILMORE:** JUST TWO MINUTES.

18

19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** TWO MINUTES. WELL, SHE'S ALREADY BEEN
20 SPEAKING. YEAH, OKAY.

21

22 **CHER GILMORE:** DURING THE RECENT SIX-YEAR DROUGHT, THE WATER
23 TABLE DROPPED PRECIPITOUSLY, AND ALL THE GROUNDWATER WELLS IN
24 THAT AREA WENT DRY FOR MULTIPLE YEARS. THE LONG-TERM
25 PROJECTION IS MORE DROUGHT, AND THE STATE WATER PROJECT CAN'T

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1 BE COUNTED ON AS A BACKUP FOR WATER IN THE FUTURE, BECAUSE
2 CLIMATE CHANGE IS EXPECTED TO REDUCE THE SIERRA SNOW PACK BY
3 MORE THAN HALF. ANOTHER PROBLEM EXACERBATED BY CLIMATE CHANGE
4 IS THE INCREASE IN NUMBER AND SEVERITY OF WILDFIRES IN
5 CALIFORNIA. WITH PROJECTS LIKE THIS OCCURRING AT THE EDGE OF
6 NATURAL AREAS, THE LIKELIHOOD OF FIRES THREATENING THEM IS
7 GREATLY INCREASED, AS IN THE PARADISE FIRE. FINALLY, WHILE IT
8 APPEARS THERE WILL BE SOME CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION FOR THIS
9 PROJECT, AND WE'RE GRATEFUL FOR THAT, IN THE FUTURE,
10 DEVELOPMENTS THAT WERE APPROVED BEFORE 2007 SHOULD NOT BE
11 ALLOWED TO PROCEED WITHOUT NEW E.I.R.S THAT ADDRESS CLIMATE
12 CHANGE, AND NEW WATER ASSESSMENTS TO RECONSIDER THE CHANGING
13 WATER SCENE. I URGE YOU TO ADOPT THAT COMMONSENSE POLICY AS
14 SOON AS POSSIBLE.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

17

18 **CHER GILMORE:** THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

21

22 **PATRICK PARKER:** I'M PATRICK PARKER. I AM THE APPLICANT, AND
23 I'M SORRY I DIDN'T COME UP SOONER.

24

25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY.

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1

2 **PATRICK PARKER:** WE'RE GRATEFUL FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE
3 SUPERVISOR, FOR CHRIS PERRY, AND ALSO FOR S.C.O.P.E. WE'VE
4 WORKED HARD TOGETHER, AND WE PRESENT TO YOU--

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WAIT, WAIT. STOP. LET'S GET OUR ACT TOGETHER
7 UP HERE. THE APPLICANT GETS FOUR MINUTES. CORRECT? OKAY.

8

9 **PATRICK PARKER:** I CAN START AGAIN.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WAIT. YEAH, WE'RE NOT GOING TO DEDUCT
12 ANYTHING. THERE YOU GO. OKAY. GO.

13

14 **PATRICK PARKER:** THANK YOU. I'M PATRICK PARKER, WITH RAINTREE
15 INVESTMENT CORPORATION. THANK YOU TO THE COUNTY STAFF, THE
16 PLANNING DEPARTMENT, THE SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE, AND CHRIS PERRY.
17 WE HAVE WORKED WITH S.C.O.P.E. TO TALK ABOUT SPRING CANYON.
18 THIS IS THE AMENDMENT TO A PROJECT THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY
19 APPROVED, AND WE'RE EXCITED TO MOVE FORWARD. THERE'S MANY
20 PUBLIC BENEFITS, AND WE ALSO THINK THE PROJECT'S BETTER NOW.
21 THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOU DIDN'T NEED YOUR FOUR
24 MINUTES, AFTER ALL THAT. OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ARE THERE
25 OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON

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1 THIS ITEM? OH, SUPERVISOR BARGER. OH, YES. WE GOT SOME WEIRD
2 KARMA GOING ON HERE TODAY. OKAY, MR. PREVEN. YOU HAVE TWO
3 MINUTES.

4

5 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. I JUST WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU TO
6 S.C.O.P.E., WHO, AS SHE MENTIONED, LYNN PLAMBECK MENTIONED, IT
7 WAS IN 2000 THAT THEY SOUGHT AN E.I.R. TO CHECK THIS ACTIVITY.
8 AND THEN, SINCE THAT TIME, WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THE CLIMATE,
9 YOU KNOW, IN OUR WORLD HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANT. AND SO I
10 APPRECIATE ALSO THAT THE DEVELOPER MET THEM SOMEWHERE IN THE
11 MIDDLE TO UPDATE SOME OF THIS WORK. I THINK THAT'S INCREDIBLY
12 IMPORTANT. AND I JUST WANT TO RAISE, ALSO, THE SPECTER OF
13 BUILDING THESE LARGE PROGRAMS-- WE PUSHED ONE THROUGH
14 RECENTLY-- OUT IN AN AREA WHERE WE CAN'T PROTECT THEM FROM
15 FIRE. WE WROTE, MY BROTHER AND I, AN ARTICLE FOR THE INTERCEPT
16 ABOUT HOW WILDFIRES ARE A NEW CUP OF TEA NOW, AND IT'S A BIG
17 ISSUE. AND I THINK THAT WE HAVE TO DO AN EVEN BETTER JOB OF
18 COMING UP WITH STRATEGIES THAT WILL NOT RESULT IN, YOU KNOW,
19 LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY AND EVERYTHING ELSE. I WAS A LITTLE
20 DISAPPOINTED, I HAVE TO SAY, TO HEAR THAT BRUCKNER, WHO
21 EVERYBODY ADORES-- I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANYBODY WHO DOESN'T
22 ADORE BRUCKNER, EXCEPT FOR POSSIBLY MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS, WHO IS
23 NOT HERE TODAY. WHERE IS MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS? BUT ANYWAY...

24

25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** HE'S HERE.

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1

2 **ERIC PREVEN:** BRUCKNER WAS THE REGIONAL PLANNING DIRECTOR FOR
3 THE COUNTY, AND THEN HE LEFT THAT OFFICE, AND I THINK KUEHL
4 WAS THE CHAIR WHEN... WHAT'S HE DOING HERE WORKING WITH
5 DEVELOPERS INSIDE THE ONE YEAR IS A BIG RED FLAG. NOW, I DON'T
6 KNOW WHEN HE STARTED WORKING FOR THIS GROUP, BUT IT IS
7 EXTREMELY UPSETTING WHEN PEOPLE WORK ON-- IT'S A REVOLVING
8 DOOR, IS THE OFFICIAL TERM. YOU CAN GOOGLE IT. IT'S NOT COOL,
9 BECAUSE IT GIVES OTHER PEOPLE WHO WORK A GREAT DISADVANTAGE,
10 BECAUSE THEY CAN'T HAVE THE ACCESS. LIKE TONIGHT, TODAY YOU
11 HAD HERB WESSON SITTING ON SHEILA KUEHL'S LAP IN THE COUNTY
12 HALL. THAT IS COMPLETELY INAPPROPRIATE. HE'S RUNNING FOR
13 OFFICE. SO THAT'S WHY WE HAVE RULES AND LAWS. WE'LL LOOK INTO
14 THAT ONE, I DON'T KNOW. BUT WE HAVE TO CLEAN UP OUR ACT AND
15 TRY TO BE FAIR AND EQUITABLE. BUT THANKS. GOOD WORK.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I BELIEVE THAT'S ALL THE SPEAKERS
18 ON THIS ITEM. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

19

20 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO
21 THANK LYNNE PLAMBECK, S.C.O.P.E., AND THE DEVELOPMENT TEAM
22 WITH SPRING CANYON, AS WELL AS CHRIS PERRY ON MY STAFF FOR
23 WORKING TOGETHER OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS TO CONTINUOUSLY
24 IMPROVE THE SPRING CANYON PROJECT. NO PROJECT IS STATIC, AND
25 THERE HAS BEEN A CONSIDERABLE PERIOD OF TIME BETWEEN THE 2000

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1 DRAFT E.I.R. AND THIS BOARD HEARING, AND I RECOGNIZE THAT IN
2 THAT TIME, A LOT HAS CHANGED. IT IS RIGHT THAT THE PROJECT
3 TAKES INTO CONSIDERATION ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATIONS
4 MORE IN LINE WITH COMMUNITY EXPECTATIONS OF 2019. IT IS
5 ADMIRABLE THAT BOTH SIDES HAVE WORKED THROUGH THESE DIFFICULT
6 NEGOTIATIONS, AND AGAIN I WANT TO THANK YOU, LYNNE, WHEREVER
7 YOU ARE. SOMEWHERE IN THE AUDIENCE. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR
8 REALLY COMING TO THE TABLE AND WORKING TO MAKE THIS PROJECT
9 BETTER. I'M UNDER NO ILLUSIONS THAT THIS MEANS EVERYONE IS
10 OKAY WITH THE PROJECT. AS LYNNE HAS INDICATED, THERE IS AN
11 AGREEMENT, BUT THIS AGREEMENT ALLOWS THE PROJECT TO CONTINUE
12 TO MOVE FORWARD. THIS LEVEL OF COMMUNICATION IS WHAT ALL
13 PROJECTS SHOULD STRIVE FOR, AND I THANK BOTH SIDES FOR THEIR
14 FLEXIBILITY. WITH THAT, I HAVE A MOTION WHICH WILL GET PASSED
15 OUT, AND I'LL JUST DO THE "I THEREFORE MOVES." I THEREFORE
16 MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS INCORPORATE THE FOLLOWING
17 AGREED-UPON CONDITIONS INTO THE FINAL CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL
18 FOR THE SPRING CANYON C.U.P. NUMBER 1, ALL RESIDENTIAL
19 DWELLING UNITS WITHIN THE PROJECT SHALL BE BUILT WITH A SOLAR
20 PANEL SYSTEM TO GENERATE ELECTRICITY EQUIVALENT TO THREE
21 KILOWATTS. NUMBER 2, THE SUBDIVIDER SHALL FUND 25 ELECTRIC
22 VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS WITHIN THE SPRING CANYON PROJECT
23 AND/OR THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY, WHERE THE PUBLIC CAN ACCESS
24 THEIR USE. ONCE FUNDED, THESE CHARGING STATIONS WILL BE
25 INSTALLED BY THIRD-PARTY ELECTRIC CAR CHARGING PROVIDERS, SUCH

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1 AS CHARGEPOINT OR BLINK. NUMBER THREE, ALL RESIDENTIAL
2 DWELLING UNITS CONSTRUCTED WITHIN THE PROJECT SITE SHALL
3 FEATURE A 220-VOLT OUTLET IN THE GARAGES FOR FUTURE E.V.
4 CHARGERS. NUMBER FOUR, NO COMMUNITY POOL IS CURRENTLY PLANNED
5 IN THE COMMUNITY; HOWEVER, ANY COMMUNITY POOL BUILT WITHIN THE
6 SUBDIVISION SHALL BE EQUIPPED WITH SOLAR PANELS FOR HEATING.
7 NUMBER FIVE, ALL RESIDENTIAL DWELLING UNITS CONSTRUCTED WITHIN
8 THE PROJECT SITE SHALL FEATURE A TANKLESS, ON-DEMAND WATER
9 HEATER. NUMBER SIX, EACH RESIDENTIAL DWELLING UNIT CONSTRUCTED
10 WITHIN THE PROJECT SHALL COMPLY WITH THE CURRENT ORDINANCES
11 AND STATE LAWS, INCLUDING LOW-IMPACT AND WATER CONSERVATION.
12 NUMBER SEVEN, PERVIOUS PAVEMENT SHALL BE UTILIZED IN PARKING
13 AREAS OF THE PARK BUILT WITHIN THE PROJECT. IMPERVIOUS
14 PAVEMENT SHALL BE ELIMINATED WHEREVER POSSIBLE. SHOULD THAT BE
15 "ELIMINATED" OR "INCLUDED WHEREVER POSSIBLE"?

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** IMPERVIOUS SHOULD BE ELIMINATED.

18

19 **SUP. BARGER:** IMPERVIOUS PAVEMENT SHALL BE ELIMINATED. OH,
20 IMPERVIOUS. THANK YOU. NUMBER EIGHT, EACH RESIDENTIAL
21 DWELLING UNIT CONSTRUCTED WITHIN THE PROJECT SHALL BE PLUMBED
22 FOR AN OPTIONAL GRAY WATER SYSTEM TO RECYCLE WASHING MACHINE
23 OR KITCHEN SINK WATERWAYS FOR USE IN BACKYARD LANDSCAPING.
24 NUMBER NINE, EACH RESIDENTIAL DWELLING UNIT CONSTRUCTED WITHIN
25 THE PROJECT SHALL FEATURE A RAINWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM TO

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1 REDUCE LANDSCAPE WATER USE. NUMBER TEN, ALL LANDSCAPING WITHIN
2 THE COMMON SPACE OF THE DEVELOPED PORTION OF THIS PROJECT AND
3 IN FRONT YARDS OF EACH RESIDENTIAL LOT SHALL COMPLY WITH THE
4 CURRENT ORDINANCES AND STATE LAWS FEATURING DRIP IRRIGATION
5 AND DROUGHT-TOLERANT AND/OR NATIVE LANDSCAPING. 11, AT THE
6 REQUEST OF THE COUNTY BIOLOGIST, THE APPLICANT HAS AGREED TO
7 PLANT LOCALLY NATIVE VEGETATION IN THE OPEN SPACE AND ON
8 SLOPES, AS LONG AS IT'S OUTSIDE OF THE FUEL MODIFICATION
9 ZONES, AND 50 FEET FROM STRUCTURES. 12, ALL NEW HOME SALE
10 OFFICES WITHIN THE PROJECT SHALL HAVE BROCHURES AVAILABLE TO
11 HIGHLIGHT THE BENEFITS OF THE GREEN INITIATIVES FEATURED IN
12 SPRING CANYON, AND A BROCHURE FROM NATIONAL WILDLIFE TO INFORM
13 HOME BUYERS OF THE BACKYARD HABITAT PROGRAM. 13, AT THE
14 REQUEST OF THE COUNTY BIOLOGIST AND S.C.O.P.E., THE APPLICANT
15 HAS AGREED TO 8:1 MITIGATION RATIO FOR THE HOLLYLEAF CHERRIES
16 IMPACTED BY THE PROJECT, WITH FIVE-YEAR MONITORING AND
17 REPLACEMENT. THE NEW HOLLYLEAF CHERRIES WILL BE PLANTED IN THE
18 OPEN SPACE OF THE PROJECT. 14, AT THE REQUEST OF THE COUNTY
19 BIOLOGIST, THE APPLICANT HAS COMPLETED A PLANT SURVEY TO
20 DOCUMENT ALL EXISTING HOLLYLEAF CHERRIES, AND WHICH CHERRIES
21 WILL BE IMPACTED BY THE DEVELOPMENT. A MAP WILL BE PREPARED TO
22 IDENTIFY AND COUNT WHERE IMPACTS WILL BE MADE BY THE PROJECT,
23 AND SHOW LOCATION OF NEW PLANTS IN OPEN SPACE. I FURTHER MOVE
24 THAT THE BOARD INDICATE THE INTENT TO ADOPT AN ADDENDUM TO THE
25 CERTIFIED FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT ASSOCIATED WITH

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1 ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. RPL201800-4166, AND FIND THAT THE
2 PROJECT QUALIFIES FOR AN ADDENDUM TO THE PREVIOUSLY CERTIFIED
3 E.I.R. SHOULD RESULT IN THE REDUCTION OF POTENTIAL IMPACTS
4 IDENTIFIED IN THE ORIGINAL E.I.R., AND THEREFORE NO SUBSEQUENT
5 E.I.R. IS REQUIRED. INDICATE AN INTENT TO DENY THE APPEAL AND
6 INSTRUCT COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY FINDINGS TO
7 AFFIRM THE COMMISSION'S APPROVAL OF THE FOURTH AMENDMENT TO
8 VESTING TENTATIVE TRACT MAP 48086 RPPL-2018004065. THAT IS MY
9 MOTION. SORRY.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WOW. THANK YOU. WELL, WE HAVE NOT CLOSED THE
12 PUBLIC HEARING YET, AND WE ARE LUCKY BECAUSE WE HAVE ANOTHER
13 SPEAKER THAT WANTS TO ADDRESS US ON THIS ITEM.

14

15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD HERMAN
16 HERMAN PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU?

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WELCOME.

19

20 **HERMAN HERMAN:** MS. HAHN, GOOD AFTERNOON.

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22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GOOD AFTERNOON.

23

24 **HERMAN HERMAN:** I'M HERE TO-- WOW-- TO PROVIDE MY TESTIMONY ON
25 BEHALF OF... JUST FOR ONE MINUTE. THAT'S ALL I NEED.

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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** ONE MINUTE.

3

4 **HERMAN HERMAN:** TO THANK MR. ERIC PREVEN FOR HIS POINTS AND
5 VIEWS ON THIS MATTER OF SUBJECT, BECAUSE IT IS AN IMPORTANT
6 ISSUE. AND MR. PREVEN HAS HIGHLIGHTED ALL THE BULLETS AND
7 POINTS TO RESOLVE THIS. AND I THINK THAT YOU, AS A BODY AND AS
8 SUPERVISORS, SHOULD WORK WITH HIM TO DEAL WITH THIS SITUATION,
9 BECAUSE MS. BARGER HAD A VERY EXCELLENT POINT ON THAT. AND
10 WITH MY REMAINING FEW MINUTES OF TIME, I JUST WANT TO SAY
11 THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO MR. PREVEN, AND NOT BEING AS
12 TYRANNICAL AS HERMAN JASON WESSON, OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES,
13 BECAUSE HE USUALLY INTERRUPTS THE SPEAKER, MR. PREVEN, AND
14 VIOLATES THE BROWN ACT UNDER 54950/963, AND WITH THIS TYPE OF
15 SUPPORT, IT'S ALWAYS GOOD TO HEAR FROM A PUBLIC AND THE
16 INDIVIDUAL WHO KNOWS WHAT THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT, AND REALLY
17 RESPECTS THE POINTS THAT AFFECT OUR QUALITY OF LIFE. AND I
18 JUST WANT TO SAY A SHOUTOUT TO MR. PREVEN. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY, NOW-- OH, WE HAVE ANOTHER
21 PERSON WHO WANTS TO SPEAK TO US ON THIS. CALL THEM UP.

22

23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WOULD WAYNE FROM ENCINO PLEASE COME
24 FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU?

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WAYNE, DID YOU GET SWORN IN FOR A PUBLIC
2 HEARING YET?

3

4 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** WHAT?

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6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** DID YOU GET SWORN IN?

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8 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** AM I SUPPOSED TO SWEAR?

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YEAH. SWORN IN FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING.

11

12 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** WOW. JANICE HAHN, RUNNING A GRAND JURY. ALL
13 RIGHT.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, GO AHEAD. SWEAR HIM IN.

16

17 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY BE GIVEN BEFORE
18 THIS BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE
19 TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH, SO HELP YOU GOD?

20

21 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** UNDER THE UNITED STATES CODE OR THE STATE OF
22 CALIFORNIA?

23

24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU.

25

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1 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** SO YOU GOT TO SPECIFY. YEAH. SO, FIRST THING,
2 POINT OF ORDER, I COME HERE AND THERE'S A WHOLE BUNCH OF
3 CHAIRS EMPTY HERE, BUT I'M ALREADY GETTING HARASSED BY STAFF
4 THAT I CAN'T SIT THERE. SO THAT'S NOT VERY NICE, SEE? SO, WHAT
5 DO WE GOT HERE? VESTING TENTATIVE TRACT MAPS, E.I.R.S. WELL,
6 WE REALLY DON'T DO THAT. IT JUST DEPENDS WHAT DISTRICT IT'S
7 IN, AND WHAT THE LEADER OF THE DISTRICT WANTS. BECAUSE, SEE,
8 YOU'RE NEVER GOING TO SEE ANYBODY ELSE OUTSIDE ANOTHER
9 DISTRICT OPPOSE A PROJECT THAT THE SUPERVISOR WANTS. IMAGINE
10 IF THAT WERE GOING TO HAPPEN. IMAGINE SOLEDAD CANYON. THAT'S
11 IN THE FIFTH, RIGHT? SO IMAGINE IF HILDA SOLIS SAYS, "I DON'T
12 WANT THAT PROJECT, I OPPOSE IT," AND THEN WHAT WOULD HAPPEN
13 THE NEXT TIME ONE CAME UP IN HER DISTRICT? YEAH, WORLD WAR
14 III. SO THE REALITY IS, IF YOU WANT TO GET THESE THINGS
15 APPROVED, YOU HAVE TO GO THROUGH YOUR SUPERVISOR, BECAUSE IF
16 YOU DON'T GO THROUGH YOUR SUPERVISOR, YOU AIN'T EVER GOING TO
17 BUILD IT. AND THAT'S THE WAY IT WORKS. SAME THING AT CITY
18 HALL, BUT THEY DO IT DIFFERENTLY HERE. THEY ACTUALLY WILL
19 DEBATE IT. NOW, WHEN YOU GO THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, IT'S
20 DIFFERENT. ALL'S YOU GOT TO DO, THERE'S ONLY THREE
21 REQUIREMENTS. YOU GOT TO PAY OFF BUILDING AND SAFETY, DONATE
22 TO A CHARITY, AND PAY OFF THE COUNCIL MEMBER. THAT'S THE ONLY
23 THREE THINGS, SEE? AND THAT'S WHY THE COUNTY BOARD DOES IT
24 RIGHT, AND THAT'S WHY THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES DOES IT WRONG.
25 THAT'S WHY THERE'S SO MANY PEOPLE GOING TO GO TO FEDERAL

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1 PRISON, BECAUSE THEY JUST DON'T KNOW THAT YOU CAN'T KEEP
2 BUILDING AND SAFETY PAYOFFS. THAT'S THE WAY IT DOESN'T WORK,
3 SO THAT'S GOOD. JANICE HAHN, A LONG TIME AGO, CAME FROM THE
4 CITY. SHE LEFT. HERB WESSON TOOK OVER AND TURNED IT INTO A
5 MONOPOLY. SO, YES, WE WILL SUPPORT THIS IF KATHRYN BARGER
6 SUPPORTS IT. OTHERWISE, I AIN'T GOING TO SUPPORT IT. THANK
7 YOU.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY OTHER MEMBERS OF
10 THE PUBLIC?

11

12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** NO OTHER MEMBERS.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. NOW IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE
15 THE PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THIS ITEM, ITEM 5, AS AMENDED--
16 AND, MAY I ADD, FABULOUSLY AMENDED-- IS BEFORE US. IT'S GOING
17 TO BE AN AMAZING PROJECT. IT WILL BE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
18 BARGER, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. IF
19 THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE
20 ORDER. AND NOW, COLLEAGUES, WE'RE GOING TO JUMP TO ITEM 17.

21

22 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, AMY, AND THANKS, STAFF, FOR THEIR HARD
23 WORK. THANK YOU.

24

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** DITTO. OKAY, ITEM 17, MS. BARGER, WAS HELD
2 BY YOU, SO DON'T BE GOING ANYWHERE. WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE
3 SOME OPENING REMARKS?

4

5 **SUP. BARGER:** YES.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I KNOW YOU WOULD.

8

9 **SUP. BARGER:** STAND BY ONE.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WE ARE WAITING WITH BATED BREATH.

12

13 **SUP. BARGER:** ARE YOU READY?

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WE'RE READY.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY. I WANT TO THANK CONTRACT CITIES, THE LEAGUE
18 OF CALIFORNIA CITIES, BIZFED, AND ALL OUR COUNTY CITIES WHO
19 HAVE WRITTEN LETTERS OF SUPPORT AND BROUGHT THIS ISSUE TO THE
20 BOARD'S ATTENTION. SINCE THE BOARD'S APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY'S
21 E.I.F.D. POLICY ON AUGUST 1, 2017, WE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM
22 NUMEROUS L.A. COUNTY CITIES WHO FEAR THAT THEY WILL NOT BE
23 ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE E.I.F.D. WITH THE COUNTY'S CURRENT
24 POLICY ON WHAT IS KNOWN AS THE 15-PERCENT THRESHOLD. CURRENT
25 E.I.F.D. POLICY STATES THAT "THE CITY'S SHARE OF PROPERTY TAX

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1 INCREMENT MUST EQUAL A MINIMUM OF 15 CENTS FOR EVERY DOLLAR
2 CAPTURED IN THE E.I.F.D. PROJECT AREA." THIS IS LISTED AS A
3 MINIMUM REQUIREMENT UNDER THE POLICY. ONLY 17 CITIES OF 88
4 MEET THIS THRESHOLD AS IT IS CURRENTLY DRAFTED, LEAVING 71 OF
5 OUR CITIES ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENT. THE
6 C.E.O.'S OFFICE HAS DULY NOTED THAT THE CITIES, IF THEY DON'T
7 MEET THIS THRESHOLD, MAY QUALIFY WITH "OVERRIDING
8 CONSIDERATIONS," BUT CITIES HAVE RIGHTLY POINTED OUT THAT THE
9 WRITTEN AND ADOPTED POLICY LISTS THAT 15 PERCENT AS A MINIMUM
10 REQUIREMENT. THE POINT OF MY MOTION, THEN, IS TO CLEAR UP ANY
11 AMBIGUITY THAT HAS ARISEN AS A RESULT OF THE COUNTY'S ORIGINAL
12 POLICY AND SUBSEQUENT COMMUNICATION WITH COUNTY STAFF. IN
13 ORDER TO ENCOURAGE MORE OF OUR CITIES TO PARTICIPATE, I AM
14 PROPOSING THAT OTHER SOURCES OF REVENUE BE CONSIDERED IN
15 ADDITION TO PROPERTY TAX; FOR EXAMPLE, SALES TAX OR GRANTS. I
16 ALSO WANT TO BE CLEAR THAT IF WE ARE CONSIDERING OVERRIDING
17 CONSIDERATIONS BE ALLOWED IN LIEU OF REACHING THE 15 PERCENT
18 GOAL, THAT WE HAVE LANGUAGE THAT EXPRESSLY STATES THIS POINT.
19 AFTER SUBSEQUENT COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE, I
20 WANT TO MAKE TWO MINOR CLARIFICATIONS TO MY MOTION. THESE ARE,
21 ONE, CHANGE THE TIMEFRAME FOR COMPLETING THE AMENDMENT FROM 30
22 DAYS TO 60 DAYS; AND NUMBER TWO, ADD THE WORD "ONGOING" TO
23 DIRECTIVE NUMBER ONE, TO READ, "SOURCES OF ONGOING FUNDING
24 OTHER THAN PROPERTY TAX MAY BE USED TO ACHIEVE A RECOMMENDED
25 15 PERCENT THRESHOLD." I URGE MY COLLEAGUES TO ADOPT THIS

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1 MOTION SO THAT WE CAN BRING CERTAINTY TO OUR NEW POLICY. IT IS
2 MY HOPE AND BELIEF THAT MORE CITIES WILL COME FORWARD WITH
3 PROPOSALS AS WE CLARIFY OUR INTENT. AND WITH THAT, MADAM
4 CHAIR, I'VE GOT SOME PEOPLE, I GUESS, FROM CITIES THAT WANT TO
5 SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THIS.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** JUST FOR OUR CLARIFICATION, WERE THOSE
8 AMENDMENTS, OR YOU WERE JUST CLARIFYING SOMETHING?

9

10 **SUP. BARGER:** WELL, THEY ARE, YEAH. WE HANDED IT OUT. WE'VE
11 CHANGED THE LANGUAGE. THEY'RE AMENDMENTS. YES.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. CLARIFYING THE CLARIFYING IN THE
14 COUNTY HANDBOOK INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING DISTRICT. THANK
15 YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

16

17 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WANTED TO ASK A QUESTION
18 ABOUT THE OVERRIDING ISSUE. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE
19 BOARD DECIDES WHETHER THAT IS THE CASE OR NOT, ON A CASE BY
20 CASE BASIS?

21

22 **SUP. BARGER:** THAT IS TRUE, BUT WHAT I'M HEARING, SUPERVISOR
23 KUEHL-- AND AGAIN, WE'VE GOT CITIES HERE THAT CAN SPEAK FOR
24 THEMSELVES, BUT A LOT OF CITIES FEEL THAT THE LANGUAGE IS NOT
25 CLEAR, SO THEY'RE NOT EVEN APPLYING, BECAUSE THE LANGUAGE IN

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1 SOME WAYS CONTRADICTS WHAT THEIR UNDERSTANDING IS, BECAUSE ON
2 ONE HAND THEY'RE TOLD TO GO AHEAD AND APPLY, BUT THE LANGUAGE,
3 BECAUSE OF THE AMBIGUITY, IS NOT CLEARLY STATED, SO MY MOTION
4 MERELY TRIES TO CLARIFY AND PROVIDE CITIES WITH THE ABILITY TO
5 APPLY BEYOND JUST THE 15 CENT FOR EVERY DOLLAR TAX INCREMENT.

6

7 **SUP. KUEHL:** RIGHT. BUT IF THEY ARE FINDING THAT THEY CAN'T
8 MAKE THAT LEVEL OF COMMITMENT, THEY ARE ALLOWED TO CITE
9 OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS. AND MY QUESTION WAS, AS I
10 UNDERSTAND IT, THAT THE ISSUE OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS IS
11 WITHIN THE BOARD'S PURVIEW.

12

13 **SUP. BARGER:** CORRECT.

14

15 **SUP. KUEHL:** NOT DECIDED BY ANY OTHER ENTITY.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER:** THAT IS CORRECT.

18

19 **SUP. KUEHL:** OKAY, THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. ARE THERE
22 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS US?

23

24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES. WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS
25 PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME: HONORABLE STEVE

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1 HOFBAUER, HONORABLE JUAN GARZA, MARCEL RODARTE, JERARD WRIGHT,
2 CINDY OWENS, AND AARON LEDET. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF
3 WILL ASSIST YOU. ALSO, ERIC PREVEN, WAYNE FROM ENCINO, AND
4 HERMAN HERMAN.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WELCOME.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** HI.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WHOEVER SITS DOWN FIRST AND GRABS A MIC, GO
11 AHEAD. WE'RE ALL EARS.

12

13 **MARCEL RODARTE:** I'M GOING TO START, BECAUSE STEVE'S A LITTLE
14 SCARED. NO, I'M JUST KIDDING. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WE ALL ARE.

17

18 **MARCEL RODARTE:** MADAM CHAIR, FELLOW BOARD MEMBERS, MY NAME'S
19 MARCEL RODARTE. I AM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE CALIFORNIA
20 CONTRACT CITIES ASSOCIATION. ON BEHALF OF THE ASSOCIATION, I
21 WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR HER LEADERSHIP ON THE
22 MOTION TO CLARIFY EXISTING COUNTY POLICY RELATED TO ENHANCED
23 INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING DISTRICTS, E.I.F.D.S, AND COMMUNITY
24 REVITALIZATION, AND INVESTMENT AUTHORITY C.R.I.A.S. I ALSO
25 WANT TO THANK THE BOARD FOR CONSIDERING THE MOTION TO PROVIDE

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1 A FIX FOR OUR CITIES. FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS, L.A. COUNTY
2 CITIES HAVE CALLED FOR THE CLARIFICATION OF 15 CENT MINIMUM
3 REQUIREMENT FOR EVERY DOLLAR CAPTURED IN E.I.F.D. PROJECT
4 AREAS. THE CURRENT POLICY LEAVES A LOT OF AMBIGUITY AND
5 UNCERTAINTY FOR 71 CITIES IN L.A. COUNTY, WHO WOULD BE
6 PRECLUDED FROM PARTICIPATING IN AN THE E.I.F.D. WITH THE
7 COUNTY BECAUSE OF THEIR STATUS AS NO LOW CITIES. AS THE
8 SUPERVISOR STATED, A LOT OF OUR CITIES HAVE BEEN COMPLAINING
9 THAT WHEN THEY READ THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS, THEY
10 AUTOMATICALLY ASSUME THAT THEY ARE DISQUALIFIED, BECAUSE SOME
11 OF THE OTHER LANGUAGE ABOUT OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS IS
12 BURIED DEEPER INTO THE POLICY. SO THE MOTION TODAY MOVES US IN
13 THE RIGHT DIRECTION TO GIVE CITIES CLARITY, AND A NECESSARY
14 TOOL TO ENCOURAGE NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH, JOBS,
15 BUSINESSES, AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING. OVER THE PAST WEEK, MORE
16 THAN 20 OF OUR CITIES FROM ACROSS THE COUNTY AND IN YOUR
17 RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS HAVE MOBILIZED IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION,
18 WHICH IS PRETTY GOOD FOR A WEEK. AS YOU KNOW, IT'S PRETTY HARD
19 TO GET THOSE GUYS TO MOVE QUICKLY, SOMETIMES. CITIES ARE
20 ENCOURAGED VERY MUCH SO BY THIS MOTION. CONTRACT CITIES
21 BELIEVES THE CLARIFICATION IS NEEDED TO ENCOURAGE CITIES
22 ACROSS L.A. COUNTY TO PURSUE OPPORTUNITIES THAT HAVE BEEN LEFT
23 OUT DUE TO DISSOLUTION OF REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES. WE URGE
24 SUPPORT FOR ITEM 17, AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU

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1 DO, AND FOR LISTENING TO US, AND HEARING US WHEN WE ASK FOR
2 THINGS. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5

6 **JUAN GARZA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
7 MY NAME IS JUAN GARZA. I AM MAYOR PRO TEM OF THE CITY OF
8 BELLFLOWER. I'M ALSO THE PRESIDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
9 DIVISION OF LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES. ON BEHALF OF OUR
10 LEAGUE, I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR HER MOTION TO
11 CLARIFY EXISTING COUNTY POLICY RELATED TO E.I.F.D.S AND
12 C.R.I.A.S. AS WE ALL KNOW, E.I.F.D.S AND C.R.I.A.S ARE NEW
13 STATE-CREATED TOOLS FOR FOR MULTIPLE PUBLIC ENTITIES TO
14 COLLABORATE AND ADDRESS THE STATE'S HOUSING CRISIS,
15 INFRASTRUCTURE DEFICIT, GREENHOUSE GOAL REDUCTIONS, AND
16 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEEDS THROUGH TAX INCREMENT FINANCING. AS
17 THE SUPERVISOR STATED BEFORE, SUPERVISOR BARGER, THE WAY WE
18 INTERPRET CURRENT POLICY, ONLY 71 OF OUR 86 CITIES UNDER THE
19 LEAGUE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM. AGAIN,
20 LET ME REPEAT THAT: 71 OF 86 CITIES WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO
21 PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM, AS CURRENTLY NOTED. AN EXAMPLE
22 WOULD BE A PROJECT THAT I THINK EVERYONE IN THIS ROOM IS
23 FAMILIAR WITH, WHICH IS THE WEST SANTA ANA BRANCH METRO
24 PROJECT.

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YAY!

2

3 **JUAN GARZA:** THAT PROJECT, AS WE ALL KNOW, WOULD BE MUCH-NEEDED
4 OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR REGION, ESPECIALLY OF A CREATION OF
5 T.O.D., WHICH ADDRESSES SO MANY ITEMS RELATED TO HOUSING,
6 ECONOMIC BENEFIT, AND EQUITY, AS WELL. AGAIN, E.I.F.D.S AND
7 C.R.I.A.S WOULD BENEFIT THE PROJECT, AND AS CURRENTLY STATED,
8 THEY CAN'T PARTICIPATE. SO WITH THAT, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR
9 THE CONSIDERATION OF THE REVISION, AND WE SUPPORT SUPERVISOR
10 BARGER'S AMENDMENTS THIS AFTERNOON, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO
11 WORKING WITH YOU CLOSELY AND COLLABORATIVELY AS YOU CONSIDER
12 THIS. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

15

16 **CINDY OWENS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE BOARD. I'M CINDY OWENS,
17 POLICY AND MANAGEMENT ANALYST FOR THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
18 AND THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE. AND THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
19 IS ACTUALLY ONE OF THE FEW CITIES IN L.A. COUNTY THAT IS
20 ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM. HOWEVER, I'M HERE
21 TODAY BECAUSE WE STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT THE COUNTY POLICY NEEDS
22 TO BE MORE INCLUSIONARY, AND TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THAT THESE
23 FINANCING PROJECTS IN AREAS THAT ARE DISADVANTAGED AND
24 COMMUNITIES THAT CAN'T MAKE THIS 15 PERCENT IS SO VERY
25 IMPORTANT AND CRITICAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THESE OTHER CITIES.

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1 AND SO THAT'S WHY I'M HERE TODAY TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THESE
2 AMENDMENTS. WE DEFINITELY WANT TO ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO
3 EVALUATE THE COUNTY/CITY E.I.F.D. AND C.R.I.A. PARTNERSHIPS,
4 BASED ON THE OTHER COMPREHENSIVE REQUIREMENTS THAT ARE
5 CURRENTLY OUTLINED IN SUPERVISOR BARGER'S PROPOSAL. OUR CITY
6 URGES THE BOARD TO AMEND THE CURRENT POLICY AS PROPOSED, SO
7 THAT ALL COMMUNITIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY CAN HAVE AN
8 OPPORTUNITY TO ENHANCE ESSENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENCOURAGE
9 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

12

13 **STEVE HOFBAUER:** THANK YOU. I'M STEVE HOFBAUER, THE MAYOR OF
14 THE CITY OF PALMDALE, AND I AM THE DESERT MOUNTAIN DIVISION
15 STATE LEAGUE REP. FIRST I'M GOING TO TAKE A PERSONAL MOMENT
16 HERE AND THANK THE BOARD. YESTERDAY U.P.S. SHOWED UP AT THE
17 DOOR WITH MY WIFE'S WATCH FROM THE COUNTY BOARD OF
18 SUPERVISORS. SO SHE WAS QUITE-- AFTER 39 YEARS WITH THE
19 COUNTY, SHE THOUGHT THAT WAS A NICE GESTURE AND WANTED TO
20 THANK YOU. ALSO, I WANT TO COMMENT THAT IT'S REASSURING TO
21 COME TO THESE MEETINGS AND WITNESS THE POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT,
22 THE RECOGNITION AND PROGRAMS LIKE YOUTHBUILD AND THE P.L.A.S
23 THAT WE'RE ENGAGED IN, SO THANK YOU FOR THAT. SO, ON
24 E.I.F.D.S, THERE'S A REASON WHY SO FEW CITIES HAVE
25 PARTICIPATED: THE ONEROUS REQUIREMENTS AND AMBIGUOUS LANGUAGE.

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1 WE NEED A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD AND CLEAR DIRECTION. WITH THE
2 LOSS OF REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES, OUR CITY ALONE IS DOWN \$31
3 MILLION A YEAR, AND THERE'S A SIMILAR AMOUNT FROM LANCASTER,
4 AND A SIMILAR AMOUNT, IF NOT MORE, FROM SANTA CLARITA. THAT
5 LOSS OF FUNDING MEANS THE LOSS IN OUR ABILITY TO EXTEND
6 CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE. THAT'S HAD AN IMPACT ON ECONOMIC
7 DEVELOPMENT, AND IT HAS EXACERBATED THE HOUSING CRISIS THAT
8 WE'RE CURRENTLY EXPERIENCING. WE JUST NEED A WORKABLE
9 SOLUTION. I THANK THE SUPERVISORS FOR TAKING THIS UP, AND I
10 JOIN WITH MY COLLEAGUES IN SUPPORTING THIS ISSUE. AND BARBARA
11 SAYS THANK YOU FOR THE WATCH.

12

13 **AARON LEDET:** MADAM CHAIR AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU
14 FOR HOSTING US HERE TODAY. AARON LEDET, CITY OF AZUSA, CITY
15 MANAGER'S OFFICE. THE CITY OF AZUSA ALSO WOULD LIKE TO THANK
16 SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR HER LEADERSHIP IN REGIONAL ECONOMIC
17 DEVELOPMENT MATTERS. TODAY THE CITY WOULD ESPECIALLY LIKE TO
18 LEND ITS SUPPORT FOR THE ITEM AS PROPOSED FOR THE AMENDMENT OF
19 THE POLICY LANGUAGE PERTAINING TO E.I.F.D.S AND C.R.I.A.S.
20 CURRENTLY, THE CITY HAS ACCEPTED AND RECEIVED A GRANT FROM
21 METRO TO BEGIN TO ASSESS OUR OWN E.I.F.D. OR C.R.I.A. THROUGH
22 A FEASIBILITY ANALYSIS. WE HOPE TO HAVE THAT FEASIBILITY STUDY
23 UNDERWAY THIS FALL. THIS FEASIBILITY STUDY WILL LOOK AT
24 OPPORTUNITIES FOR US TO SUPPORT T.O.D., AFFORDABLE HOUSING,
25 AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS, ESPECIALLY HAVING TWO

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1 GOLD LINE STATIONS IN THE CITY OF AZUSA. SO I APPRECIATE YOUR
2 EFFORTS IN THIS MATTER, AND LOOK FORWARD TO COMING FORWARD TO
3 YOU AGAIN IN THE FUTURE. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

6

7 **JERARD WRIGHT:** GOOD AFTERNOON. JERARD WRIGHT, POLICY MANAGER
8 OF L.A. COUNTY BUSINESS FEDERATION, A GRASSROOTS ALLIANCE OF
9 MORE THAN 180 BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS. WE REPRESENT 400,000
10 EMPLOYERS AND 3.5 MILLION PEOPLE. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR
11 BARGER FOR HER SENSIBLE MOTION, FOR THIS AMENDMENT, BECAUSE IT
12 ASKS FOR CLARITY THAT WE HAD ASKED FOR IN WRITING BACK IN
13 2017, WHEN THIS FIRST CAME ABOUT. AND IT'S JUST CLARIFYING AND
14 CONFIRMING WHAT WE ORIGINALLY BELIEVED WAS GOING TO BE THE
15 CASE, THAT CITIES WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE, BUT THEY CAN'T
16 BECAUSE OF THE AMBIGUITY IN THE LANGUAGE, AND NOW WE SEE THIS
17 MOVING FORWARD. SO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER, FOR PUSHING
18 THIS FORWARD. WITH HUNTINGTON PARK, BELL, MAYWOOD, SOUTH GATE,
19 PARAMOUNT, BELLFLOWER, WHO JUST SPOKE, ARTESIA, CUDAHY,
20 TORRANCE, THE REASON WHY I BRING UP THOSE CITIES IS BECAUSE
21 THEY HAVE SPECIFIC METRO PROJECTS THAT ARE LOOKING TO GET
22 ACCELERATED, OR ARE LOOKING TO EXPAND UPON THEIR CITY'S GROWTH
23 AND THEIR CITY'S DEVELOPMENT, AND LOOK TO ACCELERATE THOSE
24 OPPORTUNITIES FOR THAT GROWTH TO TAKE PLACE. BUT WITH E.I.F.D.
25 AS A TOOL IN THE TOOLBOX, THEY ARE PREVENTED, BASED ON THIS

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1 LANGUAGE, FROM WANTING TO PARTICIPATE. ESPECIALLY TORRANCE,
2 WHICH IS ONE OF THE MOST BUSINESS-FRIENDLY CITIES IN L.A.
3 COUNTY. THEY FEEL INCURRED NOT TO DO IT, AND THAT SEEMS KIND
4 OF OFF. SO JUST PUTTING THAT IN PERSPECTIVE, THE REASON WHY
5 THIS AMENDMENT IS SO IMPORTANT AND THAT TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE
6 IS THAT WE ARE IN A HOUSING CRISIS, WE'RE IN AN INFRASTRUCTURE
7 CRISIS, AS WELL. SO HAVING AS MANY TOOLS FOR CITIES, AS WELL
8 AS LINKING WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO TRY TO ADVANCE BUILDING
9 PROJECTS, BUILDING CITIES, BUILDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
10 BUILDING JOBS, CREATING THE LIVABLE COMMUNITIES THAT WE ALL
11 WANT TO SEE AND ACHIEVE, AND SEE IT HAPPEN HERE IN LOS ANGELES
12 COUNTY. WITH THAT, THAT'S WHY BIZFED HAS BEEN SUPPORTIVE OF
13 E.I.F.D. FROM THE VERY BEGINNING, AND CONTINUE TO SUPPORT IT
14 THROUGH VARIOUS EFFORTS. SO THANK YOU, AGAIN, SUPERVISOR
15 BARGER, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, FOR TAKING UP WITH THIS
16 ISSUE. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

19

20 **HERMAN HERMAN:** AM I BEING SWORN IN? AM I ANY DIFFERENT FROM
21 BEING SWORN IN?

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NO, NOT ON THIS ITEM, BUT YOU STILL HAVE TO
24 TELL THE TRUTH.

25

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1 **HERMAN HERMAN:** YOU HAVE SWORN IN OTHER PEOPLE, AND I'M JUST
2 ONE GOOD [EXPLETIVE] THAT WANTS TO BE SWORN IN FOR MY
3 TESTIMONY. BECAUSE I BELIEVE THAT THE FUTURE REVITALIZATION
4 UNDER METRO AND ANY INVESTMENT IS CORRUPTED. CRIMINAL.
5 CRIMINAL. WHEN ARTESIA DEMANDS THEY DON'T WANT METRO IN THEIR
6 COMMUNITY, I DON'T WANT IT IN MY COMMUNITY. WHY? I'LL TELL YOU
7 WHY. BECAUSE JUST LIKE THE L.A. RIVER RESTORATION WITH BONDS,
8 BONDS THAT GO NOWHERE, AND THE TAXPAYERS PAYING UP THEIR...
9 GUESS WHAT? WHERE IS THE PROMISE FROM METRO? WHERE IS THE
10 AFFORDABLE HOUSING? WHERE IS THE MIXED-USE HOUSING? WHERE'S
11 ALL THIS SHENANG? OR DO I HAVE TO GO BACK TO THE [EXPLETIVE]
12 HERMAN WESSON? THERE'S NOTHING IN A PROMISE NOT TO INCLUDE
13 L.A. IT SHOULDN'T BE INCLUDED ANYWHERE IN L.A.,
14 REVITALIZATION, BECAUSE LIKE SHEILA KUEHL IS POINTING OUT TO
15 ME, "LISTEN, [EXPLETIVE], YOU ALREADY KNOW THE FACT WE'RE NOT
16 GOING TO DO IT." SO IF ARTESIA HAS THE SAME RIGHT AS I DO TO
17 BE SWORN IN, THEN I'M SWEARING IN, TOO, THAT IF YOU'RE GOING
18 TO MAKE A PROMISE OF SPENDING BONDS, GRANTS, UNDER THE
19 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, UNDER FEDERAL LAW, I SAY TO YOU,
20 CAUTION WITH WARNING, BECAUSE WE HAVE BAD-FAITH ATTORNEYS,
21 LIKE WE DID WITH MIKE FEUER AND HIS STAFF, WHO HAVE NOW
22 REALLY, REALLY PLAYED A BAD-FAITH GAME, AND THE DISTRUST TO
23 THE COMMUNITY OF EVERY INDIVIDUAL.
24
25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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2 **SPEAKER:** SWEAR HIM IN.

3

4 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YEAH, YEAH. YEAH.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NO. WELL, WE'RE NOT IN PUBLIC HEARINGS. THIS
7 IS DIFFERENT. YOU STILL HAVE TO TELL THE TRUTH WHEN YOU COME
8 UP HERE. WE EXPECT THAT.

9

10 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** NOT FROM HERB WESSON. SO ANYWAY, YEAH, WE HAVE
11 TO REMEMBER TO EXCLUDE THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES FROM ALL OF
12 THESE PROGRAMS. ABSOLUTELY GOT TO PUT A CONE AROUND THEM AND
13 MAKE SURE THEY GET NONE OF THIS MONEY. SO WE NEED IT IN TWO
14 AREAS: ONE, THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, SO WE CAN GET THAT AMAZON
15 HEADQUARTERS THAT WE'RE GOING TO STEAL FROM NEW YORK AND NEW
16 JERSEY; AND THEN, NUMBER TWO, BASEBALL! WE'RE GOING TO BUILD A
17 STADIUM IN LONG BEACH. WE NEED A LOT OF CASH SO WE COULD GET
18 THE ANGELS MOVED FROM ANAHEIM, AND MIKE TROUT TO PLAY ON THE
19 COAST RIGHT THERE IN LONG BEACH. IT'S THE JANICE HAHN SECRET
20 PLAN. WE'RE WORKING ON IT. I'M WORKING WITH THE MAYOR OF LONG
21 BEACH. WE'RE WORKING WITH A LOT OF OTHER PEOPLE THAT START
22 WITH AN "M." I WON'T GO INTO IT RIGHT NOW. 90-PERCENT
23 DIVERSION OF FUNDS TO THE CITY OF LONG BEACH. GO ANGELS, MIKE
24 TROUT. WORLD SERIES COMING.

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. MR. PREVEN?

2

3 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD
4 DISTRICT, AND I APPRECIATE THIS BECAUSE YOU'RE REALIZING THAT
5 SOME OF THE SMALLER CITIES THAT ARE NOT, YOU KNOW, ABLE TO
6 COMMIT AS MUCH OF THEIR TAX INCREMENT AT 15 PERCENT, BELOW
7 THAT, ARE ABLE TO BRING IN OTHER FUNDING SOURCES IN ORDER TO
8 QUALIFY. GREAT. AND THEN THOSE WHO CAN'T GET BIG FUNDRAISERS
9 OR OTHER FOLKS TO HELP THEM WITH THOSE GAPS, WE EVEN HAVE ITEM
10 NUMBER 3, WHICH IS THE OVERRIDING CONSIDERATION, WHICH MEANS
11 IT'S SUCH A BEAUTIFUL PROJECT AND SUCH A GREAT IDEA AND SO
12 NEEDED THAT WE'LL JUST WAIVE... LET THEM IN. AND I THINK
13 THAT'S GREAT, TOO. SO THAT MEANS BASICALLY, AS ALWAYS, IT SAYS
14 "AS THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SEES FIT." AND I'M SURE THAT
15 YOU'LL VET THESE THINGS FAIR AND SQUARE, AND WE WILL REMAKE
16 OUR COMMUNITY THE WAY MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS HAS ENVISIONED IT, AS
17 A TRANSPORTATION-FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT, WHERE WE CAN GET FROM
18 HERE TO THERE AND CELEBRATE ONE ANOTHER. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY OTHER MEMBERS OF
21 THE PUBLIC THAT WANT TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM?

22

23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** NO OTHER MEMBERS.

24

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR BARGER, WOULD YOU LIKE TO
2 MAKE SOME CLOSING REMARKS?

3

4 **SUP. BARGER:** YEAH, I JUST AGAIN WANT TO THANK EVERYONE THAT
5 CAME OUT FROM THE CITIES, MARCEL. EACH ONE OF THE CITIES, I
6 THINK, ON THIS BOARD HAD SOMEONE REPRESENTING THEM TO EXPLAIN
7 WHAT THE CONCERNS ARE. SO I WOULD HOPE THAT THIS BOARD WOULD
8 SEEK TO CLARIFY THE LANGUAGE SO THAT WE CAN REALLY ALLOW OUR
9 CITIES TO MOVE FORWARD AND HELP US WITH THE VISION AS IT
10 RELATES TO WHETHER IT BE AFFORDABLE HOUSING OR REALLY JUST
11 STIMULATING THE ECONOMY. IT'S A WIN-WIN, NOT ONLY FOR THE
12 CITIES BUT FOR THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE. SO I WOULD ASK FOR YOUR
13 SUPPORT.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ITEM 17, AS AMENDED AND
16 CLARIFIED, IS BEFORE US NOW. IT'S MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER,
17 AND IT'S SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. IF
18 THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE
19 ORDER. OKAY. NOW WE'RE GOING BACK TO...

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** GOOD JOB. GOOD JOB.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GOOD JOB. [APPLAUSE.] THANK YOU.
24 NOW WE'RE GOING TO GO BACK TO ITEM 14, WHICH WAS HELD BY ME
25 AND SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. DO WE HAVE MEMBERS OF THE

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1 DEPARTMENT ARE GOING TO BE HERE, TOO, I THINK? HOPEFULLY, THEY
2 ARE COMING. OKAY. COLLEAGUES, THIS IS ABOUT J.J.C.C., THE
3 GRANT ADMINISTRATION. AND MY COMMENTS, I'M GOING TO SAY THAT
4 STUDIES HAVE SHOWN THAT INDIVIDUALS WHO EXPERIENCE
5 INCARCERATION IN THEIR YOUTH ARE MORE LIKELY TO TURN TO CRIME
6 IN THE FUTURE, CREATING A CYCLE THAT INDUCES TRAUMA AND
7 ENDANGERS SOCIETY. WE ALL KNOW THAT. AND THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT
8 THIS CYCLE CAN AND SHOULD BE BROKEN WITH EARLY PREVENTION AND
9 INTERVENTION PROGRAMS THAT ENGAGE YOUTH THROUGH COLLABORATIVE,
10 INTEGRATED, AND COMMUNITY-BASED APPROACHES. THIS IS NOT A NEW
11 PERSPECTIVE. NEARLY 20 YEARS AGO, A CALIFORNIA LAW WAS PASSED
12 THAT DIRECTED EACH COUNTY TO CREATE A JUVENILE JUSTICE
13 COORDINATING COUNCIL, J.J.C.C., TASKED WITH DEVELOPING A PLAN
14 FOR USING AROUND \$30 MILLION OF ANNUAL STATE FUNDS TO PREVENT
15 AND REDUCE YOUTH DELINQUENCY. I BELIEVE THAT WAS THE CARDENAS-
16 SCHIFF LAW. I SERVED WITH BOTH OF THEM. I SERVED WITH TONY
17 CARDENAS IN THE CITY COUNCIL, AND I SERVED WITH BOTH OF THEM
18 IN CONGRESS, AND MANY OF YOU ALSO SERVED WITH THEM. THE
19 J.J.C.C. IS COMPOSED OF MULTIPLE STAKEHOLDERS THAT INCLUDE
20 EXPERTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHOSE INVALUABLE KNOWLEDGE AND
21 EXPERIENCE GO INTO CREATING AN EVIDENCE-BASED SPENDING PLAN
22 FOR THESE STATE FUNDS. THIS YEAR, THE J.J.C.C. UPDATED THEIR
23 PLAN TO REFLECT COMMUNITY NEEDS AND CUTTING-EDGE RESEARCH,
24 CREATING AN INTEGRATED AND COLLABORATIVE APPROACH TO
25 SUPPORTING L.A. COUNTY'S YOUTH, AND PREVENTING JUVENILE

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1 DELINQUENCY. THE PROPOSED PLAN DEDICATES MONEY TO VARIOUS
2 PROGRAMS RELATED TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, EDUCATION, HOUSING,
3 PARENT SUPPORT, AND CAREER AND LIFE SKILLS. HOWEVER, OUR
4 CONCERN IS THAT THE-- MY CONCERN IS THAT THE BUDGET THAT WAS
5 PRESENTED BY PROBATION IS INCONSISTENT WITH THIS NEW PLAN, AND
6 INCLUDES MANY OUTDATED PROGRAMS THAT DO NOT REFLECT CURRENT
7 RESEARCH AND THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY. THIS DISCREPANCY
8 NEEDS TO BE FIXED SO THAT WE CAN FOCUS ON DOING THE WORK ON
9 THE GROUND. FURTHER, THERE IS REPORTED THAT THERE ARE \$79
10 MILLION OF UNSPENT FUNDS THAT HAVE ACCUMULATED. IN 2017, AN
11 AUDIT REPORT CONCLUDED THAT THE DEPARTMENT WAS MAKING LITTLE
12 PROGRESS IN SPENDING THIS FUNDING. AND SINCE THAT AUDIT, THE
13 UNSPENT FUNDS HAVE MORE THAN DOUBLED. AND I THINK MANY PEOPLE
14 ARE FRUSTRATED BY THAT, AND I FIND THAT UNACCEPTABLE THAT OUR
15 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE ON THE GROUND DOING THE
16 WORK, PROVIDING PROGRAMS FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, ARE
17 UNDERFUNDED, WHILE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS LIE UNUSED. I THINK WE
18 NEED CLARITY ON THESE FUNDS AND A PLAN TO GET THEM OUT INTO
19 THE COMMUNITY IN AN EXPEDITIOUS MANNER, SO THAT THEY CAN
20 UPLIFT, EMPOWER OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, AND KEEP THEM FROM ENTERING
21 OUR JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM. IT'S IMPERATIVE THAT WE ALIGN THE
22 BUDGET WITH J.J.C.C.'S NEW PLAN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, TO ENSURE
23 THAT RESOURCES ARE BEING USED EFFECTIVELY AND EFFICIENTLY TO
24 SUPPORT L.A. COUNTY'S YOUTH, AND CREATE A STRONGER FUTURE FOR
25 US ALL. I HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS, BUT I'M GOING TO TURN IT OVER

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1 TO SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES, WHO I THINK WILL ALSO HAVE SOMETHING
2 TO SAY. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AND THEN SUPERVISOR KUEHL,
3 SUPERVISOR BARGER, AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS, IN THAT ORDER.
4 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, FOR YOUR
7 LEADERSHIP IN THIS REGARD. THE COUNTY HAS CONSIDERABLE NEED
8 FOR YOUTH PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION SERVICES. I THINK THE
9 ENTIRETY OF THE BOARD KNOWS AND APPRECIATES THAT. TOO OFTEN,
10 THE COUNTY IS FACED WITH A SCARCITY OF RESOURCES TO ADEQUATELY
11 FUND COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS AND SUPPORT YOUTH, SO THAT THEY
12 DO NOT ENTER INTO THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM. THIS IS WHY OUR
13 CONTINUAL CHALLENGE TO SPEND DOWN A LARGE AMOUNT OF JUVENILE
14 JUSTICE CRIME PREVENTION ACTIVE FUNDS ALSO KNOWN AS
15 J.J.C.P.A., CONTINUES TO BE A MATTER OF SIGNIFICANT CONCERN.
16 MIGHT I UNDERSCORE THE POINT THAT THIS IS NOT A NEW ISSUE. FOR
17 MANY YEARS, AS THE AUDIT THAT WAS REQUESTED A COUPLE OF YEARS
18 AGO WILL ATTEST TO, WE'VE TRIED TO GET UNDERNEATH THIS AND
19 FIGURE OUT HOW WE CAN BE MORE CREATIVE, MORE INNOVATIVE, MORE
20 PROACTIVE IN MAKING SURE THE RESOURCES FIND THEIR WAY TO THE
21 INTENDED PURPOSES. I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED
22 THAT TO THE EXTENT THAT WE CAN. I ALSO WANT TO SAY THAT THE
23 BOARD HAS REPEATEDLY MADE THE POINT, SIMILARLY, ON THE
24 QUESTION OF MENTAL HEALTH. THAT'S NOT THE SUBJECT OF THIS
25 ITEM, BUT IT'S A RELATED POINT. WE REGULARLY SPEAK TO THE

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1 QUESTION OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN THE CAMPS AND IN THE
2 HALLS. AND YOU'LL RECALL, JUST ABOUT THREE WEEKS AGO, WE
3 RENEWED THAT REQUEST FOR AN INCREASED LEVEL OF SUPPORT FROM
4 THE PERSPECTIVE OF PREVENTION, INTERVENTION, AND TREATMENT FOR
5 THOSE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO NEED SUCH HELP. THAT WAS IN THE CONTEXT
6 OF OUR CONVERSATION ABOUT PEPPER SPRAY. IT TAKES THE PRESSURE
7 OFF OF THE PROBATION OFFICERS TO DO THE WORK THAT THEY ARE NOT
8 BEST EQUIPPED TO DO. BUT THESE ARE REPEATED REQUESTS AND
9 CONCERNS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE, PREDATING THE CURRENT
10 ADMINISTRATION, BUT CERTAINLY HAVING BEEN RAISED SINCE THE
11 CURRENT ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATION HAS BEEN IN PLACE. THE
12 REPORTS HAVE COME, AND THEY HAVE GONE. CLAIMS ABOUT THE
13 ACCUMULATION OF UNSPENT FUNDS PUT US IN A BAD SPOT VIS-A-VIS
14 THE STATE AGAIN, NOT ONLY WITH PROBATION, BUT WITH MENTAL
15 HEALTH DOLLARS. AND IT GOES TO OUR FISCAL ATTENTIVENESS AND
16 THE LIKE. THE CHALLENGES ARE WHAT THEY ARE. THESE YOUNGSTERS
17 ARE PRECIOUS TO US ALL, IN MANY RESPECTS. WE KNOW THEY NEED
18 HELP, AND THEREFORE WE NEED THE HELP THEY SHOULD GET FROM THE
19 RESPECTIVE COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS AND ENTITIES, TO BE ABLE TO
20 DO THE WORK, AND THE WORK THAT WE WANT THEM TO DO, THEY SHOULD
21 BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR. THEY CAN'T BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE IF THE
22 RESOURCES AREN'T GETTING TO THEM IN A TIMELY MANNER. IT IS
23 BAFFLING AS TO WHY THERE ARE STILL DELAYS. WE NEED TO PUSH AS
24 FORTHRIGHTLY AND AS CONSTRUCTIVELY AS WE CAN. WE CAN'T GET
25 STUCK IN THE STATUS QUO. WE NEED TO MOVE. WE NEED TO MOVE WITH

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1 A CLARITY. WHEREVER THE STICKING POINTS ARE, WE SHOULD
2 IDENTIFY THEM. THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER HAS A RESPONSIBILITY, IT
3 SEEMS TO ME, TO TELL US WHAT PROGRESS PROBATION IS MAKING, IF
4 THEY'RE MAKING PROGRESS, AND WHERE THE IMPEDIMENTS ARE. AND SO
5 I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM THE DEPARTMENT AS TO WHY WE ARE
6 WHERE WE ARE, AND WHAT THEIR POINT OF FRUSTRATION IS WITH
7 RESPECT TO WHY WE HAVEN'T MOVED FURTHER BEYOND WHERE WE ARE,
8 AT THIS POINT. MADAM CHAIR?

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

11

12 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I HAVE A NUMBER OF
13 QUESTIONS, ALTHOUGH I THINK PERHAPS WE'LL AGGREGATE OUR
14 QUESTIONS, AND THEN EVERYBODY CAN DEAL WITH THEM. THAT WOULD
15 BE UP TO YOU. I'M INTERESTED IN REALLY WHAT THE MOTION MEANS,
16 AND WHAT IT WOULD MEAN IN TERMS OF TIMING, IN TERMS OF OUR
17 BUDGETS, CURRENT AND FUTURE. FOR INSTANCE, THE MOTION
18 INSTRUCTS THE J.J.C.C. TO ALIGN THE 1920 PREVENTION ACT BUDGET
19 WITH THE PLAN. AND I THINK IT WOULD BE GOOD FOR US TO
20 UNDERSTAND, EVEN OUTSIDE OF THE QUESTION OF THE ACCUMULATED
21 FUNDS, WHAT THIS WOULD MEAN. AND THE MOTION THEN GOES ON TO
22 SAY... AND THE NEXT BUDGET, AS WELL, 2021, AND THEN ASKS THE
23 CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER, AS WELL AS OTHER DEPARTMENTS
24 PREVIOUSLY FUNDED UNDER THE PLAN THAT MAY NOT BE FUNDED IF
25 THIS ALIGNMENT TAKES PLACE, AND REPORT BACK TO US. SO I'M

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1 ASSUMING THAT THE INSTRUCTING THE J.J.C.C. TO ALIGN THE BUDGET
2 WOULD NOT-- AND I THINK THIS IS A QUESTION FOR THE C.E.O--
3 WOULD NOT ACTUALLY HAVE THE ACTION OF CHANGING THE BUDGET, BUT
4 SIMPLY TO PRESENT A DIFFERENT ALIGNMENT OF THE BUDGET. AND
5 THAT'S SOMETHING I WOULD NEED TO UNDERSTAND, BECAUSE I DON'T
6 KNOW IF THEY CAN JUST SPEND IT, BECAUSE NORMALLY THEY'RE
7 ADVISING THE DEPARTMENT.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AND I'M JUST GOING TO SAY THAT WE DO HAVE
10 SOME MEMBERS FROM THE COMMITTEE THAT WILL COME UP HERE, AND I
11 THINK WE SHOULD ASK THEM SOME OF THOSE QUESTIONS TO CLARIFY.

12

13 **SUP. KUEHL:** RIGHT. ANYONE THAT YOU CHOOSE TO ANSWER THE
14 QUESTIONS. MY JOB IS REALLY ONLY TO RAISE THEM, I GUESS. THE
15 SECOND THING IS, WE ADOPTED A COUPLE OF MOTIONS A COUPLE OF
16 WEEKS AGO TO PUT OUT QUITE A BIT OF MONEY THROUGH THE LIBERTY
17 HILL FOUNDATION AND THE CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION. AND
18 THE R.F.P.S HAVE GONE OUT, BUT THAT IS NOT FINALIZED YET. SO I
19 WOULD NEED TO HAVE SOME ASSURANCE THAT THOSE MONIES THAT WENT
20 TO LIBERTY HILL AND CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION CAN STILL
21 BE ALLOCATED IF THIS REALIGNMENT TAKES PLACE, BECAUSE WE'RE
22 KIND OF IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS PROCESS. AND A LOT OF C.B.O.S
23 ARE ENGAGED IN, YOU KNOW, LOOKING FOR IT. THE THIRD THING,
24 REALLY, IS I GENERALLY DO SUPPORT MORE FUNDING FOR PREVENTION,
25 BUT I WOULD NEED TO UNDERSTAND, WHAT DOES THIS MEAN? IT'S SORT

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1 OF HINTED AT THAT DEPARTMENTS PREVIOUSLY FUNDED MIGHT NOT BE
2 FUNDED, AS WELL AS PROBATION PROGRAMS. WHAT THIS MEANS--
3 BECAUSE OFTEN THERE ARE ONGOING PROGRAMS, AND THEY ARE NOT
4 NECESSARILY PREVENTION. THEY ARE, IN MANY WAYS, TREATMENT OR
5 CLEANUP OR, YOU KNOW, TRYING TO DEAL WITH A SITUATION THAT
6 ALREADY EXISTS. SO I THINK IT WOULD BE GOOD TO KNOW. I LIKE
7 THE NEW PLAN. I THINK IT IS APPROPRIATE TO ALIGN A BUDGET TO
8 IT. BUT I KIND OF WANT TO KNOW WHAT IS GAINED AND WHAT IS
9 LOST, AS JONI MITCHELL WOULD SAY, AND SORT OF WHAT THE COUNTY,
10 IF ANYTHING, MIGHT HAVE TO PICK UP, A FUNDING THAT MOVES
11 SOMEWHERE ELSE, OR PROBATION WOULD HAVE TO PICK UP. SO I HOPE
12 THAT'S CLEAR. THE QUESTION OF TIMING ON IF THEY ALIGN, DOES
13 THAT MEAN WE'RE ACTUALLY MOVING MONEY, OR WE SEE IT IN ONE OF
14 OUR ASPECTS OF THE BUDGET? SECONDLY, IF WE CAN SAY THAT
15 LIBERTY HILL AND THE CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION CAN
16 STILL DELIVER ON THE R.F.P.S THAT ARE OUT; AND THIRD, KIND OF
17 WHAT THIS MEANS, IN TERM OF WHAT MIGHT BE LOST, AND, IN
18 ADDITION, IF THE COUNTY WOULD NEED TO MAKE SOMETHING UP FOR
19 THAT. SO THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THOSE ARE MY THREE QUESTIONS.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN:** SUPERVISOR BARGER?

22

23 **SUP. BARGER:** WELL, THANK YOU, AND MINE IS MORE OF A GENERIC
24 QUESTION, IN TERMS OF I UNDERSTAND THE NEED TO MOVE THE MONEY.
25 I MEAN, WE SAW WITH M.H.S.A., THE MENTAL HEALTH COMPONENT, IT

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1 WAS PERCEIVED THAT WE WERE SITTING ON MONEY, NOT GETTING IT
2 OUT QUICK ENOUGH. BUT THEN YOU'RE DARNED IF YOU DO AND YOU'RE
3 DARNED IF YOU DON'T, BECAUSE IF YOU GET IT OUT TOO QUICKLY AND
4 THERE IS NO PLAN, THEN YOU'RE CRITICIZED FOR SPENDING THE
5 MONEY AND WASTING TAXPAYER DOLLARS BY NOT REALLY A WELL-
6 THOUGHT-OUT PLAN. AND IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT, ROUGHLY, FOR
7 TWO DECADES, THERE'S BEEN NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES MADE TO OUR
8 STRATEGIC PLANNING, BUT YET THIS BOARD HAS BROUGHT IN SEVERAL
9 MOTIONS WITH A VISION, AND MENTAL HEALTH, YOU KNOW, IS A KEY
10 ISSUE THAT WE NEED TO ADDRESS. AND THE QUESTION IS, HOW DO YOU
11 ROLL THAT MONEY OUT? AND I'M TOLD, AND I WANT THE DEPARTMENT
12 TO CONFIRM, THAT YOU HAVE A PLAN MOVING FORWARD, AND I THINK
13 WE HAVE TO BE CAREFUL THAT WE DON'T MOVE TOO FAST, BUT THEN WE
14 DON'T MOVE TOO SLOW. BECAUSE AS THE POPULATION GOES DOWN IN
15 OUR CAMPS, AND WE'RE CLOSING CAMPS, THE NEED TO REALLY ADDRESS
16 GETTING THIS MONEY OUT THERE TO SERVE INDIVIDUALS IS MORE
17 VITAL THAN EVER. AND SO I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHERE THIS
18 STANDS, BECAUSE I GET WHAT YOUR MOTION IS SAYING, BECAUSE IT'S
19 ONLY A MATTER OF TIME. THE STATE LOOKED AT US WITH THE
20 M.H.S.A. AND WAS THINKING ABOUT, "WHY ARE YOU SITTING ON ALL
21 THIS MONEY? YOU'RE NOT DOING YOUR JOB." BUT AT THE SAME TIME,
22 NOW DR. SHERIN HAS A PLAN MOVING FORWARD, BUT IT'S VERY
23 METHODICAL IN HOW YOU CAN MOVE FORWARD. AND SO I THINK IT'S
24 IMPORTANT FOR US TO UNDERSTAND PROBATION AND THE FUNDING
25 MOVING FORWARD, AS IT RELATES TO THIS MONEY, RECOGNIZING THAT

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1 WE HAVE ALLOCATED TO, AS SUPERVISOR KUEHL SAID, THE LIBERTY
2 HILL AND TO THE CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION. SO WE'VE
3 ALLOCATED FUNDS. AND I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD DO IT IN A
4 PIECEMEAL WAY, AND MY UNDERSTANDING IS THOSE TWO
5 RECOMMENDATIONS WERE MADE AS A RESULT OF WELL-THOUGHT-OUT
6 PLANS WITH PROBATION, REALLY CAPITALIZING AND USING THAT
7 MONEY. SO, AGAIN, I DON'T HAVE ANY ISSUES WITH THIS MOTION,
8 OTHER THAN TO SAY THAT I THINK WE NEED TO REALLY EDUCATE NOT
9 ONLY THIS BOARD, BUT THE PUBLIC, HOW WE'RE SPENDING THIS
10 MONEY, SO THAT IT'S NOT PERCEIVED THAT WE'RE SITTING ON A TON
11 OF MONEY. BECAUSE WHILE IT IS A LOT, SOME OF THAT MAY ALREADY
12 BE ALLOCATED MOVING OUT, AND I JUST NEED TO UNDERSTAND HOW
13 THAT PLAYS OUT. SO I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM THE
14 DEPARTMENT AND THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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18 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I THINK THIS IS A REALLY
19 TIMELY MOTION BEFORE US. I, LIKE MANY OF YOU ON THE BOARD, ARE
20 VERY CONCERNED ABOUT INADEQUATE SERVICES OUT IN OUR COMMUNITY,
21 ESPECIALLY WITH RESPECT TO AT-RISK YOUTH. AND OVER THE COURSE
22 OF, I THINK, THE LAST YEAR AND A HALF, I'VE SEEN ALMOST AN
23 UPTICK IN CIRCUMSTANCES INVOLVING OUR YOUTH, PARTICULARLY IN
24 AREAS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA: EAST L.A., VALINDA, BASSETT.
25 AND WE'VE SEEN THAT THERE DEFINITELY IS A NEED TO BUILD UPON

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1 INFRASTRUCTURE. I HAVE NO QUALMS WITH MOVING THE FUNDING THAT
2 WE AGREED ON PREVIOUSLY TO LIBERTY HILL AND TO THE OTHER
3 GRANTEES, BUT I THINK THAT THE FACT REMAINS THAT THERE'S A
4 SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT WE ARE SITTING ON. AND I
5 RECALL, CHAIRWOMAN HAHN, AT A MEETING I THAT ATTENDED WITH YOU
6 IN SACRAMENTO, ONE OF THE COMPLAINTS, SO TO SPEAK, WAS THAT,
7 "WHERE IS THE MONEY?" WE'VE ALLOCATED THIS THROUGH THE STATE,
8 BUT IT HASN'T BEEN RELEASED YET. AND I UNDERSTAND THERE ARE
9 PROBLEMS WITH BUDGETS AND MECHANISMS IN PLACE, AND PROTOCOL,
10 BUT I DO THINK THAT THERE'S AN URGENCY. AND IF THERE'S A TASK
11 FORCE THAT WE AGREED TO PUT FORWARD AND THEY CAME UP WITH
12 IDEAS ABOUT HOW TO RESTRUCTURE, THEN PERHAPS WE CAN LOOK AT--
13 I DON'T WANT TO USE THE WORD "FAST TRACK," BUT I DO WANT TO
14 USE THE WORD "DILIGENCE" AND "EFFICIENCY," AND MAKING SURE
15 THAT WE REALLY ARE ADDRESSING THE NEEDS MOST PRESSING RIGHT
16 NOW. AND I WANT TO HEAR FROM THE TASK FORCE, AND I WANT TO
17 HEAR FROM OTHERS, AND DEFINITELY WANT TO HEAR FROM THE
18 DEPARTMENT, BECAUSE I THINK WE CAN RATCHET UP, TO A CERTAIN
19 EXTENT, EXPEDITING FUNDS TO AT LEAST SOME OF THOSE PROVIDERS
20 THAT WE KNOW HAVE A TRACK RECORD IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND IN OUR
21 DISTRICTS. SO I'M OPEN TO HEARING WHAT HAS TO BE SAID, BUT I
22 DO CAUTION US. IT'S HARD FOR US TO GO TO SACRAMENTO AND ASK
23 FOR THINGS WHEN WE'RE SITTING ON \$9 MILLION. THANK YOU.

24

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND AGAIN, AS I UNDERSTAND IT,
2 THIS MOTION REITERATES THE FACT THAT THE J.J.C.C. HAS THE
3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO DICTATE HOW THIS MONEY IS SPENT BY
4 PROBATION. SO, THEY ARE CONCERNED THAT THE BUDGET DOES NOT
5 ALIGN WITH THE PLAN. THIS IS 26-MEMBER COMMITTEE THAT'S COME
6 UP WITH THE PLAN ON HOW THIS MONEY SHOULD BE SPENT, AND
7 THEY'RE CONCERNED THAT PROBATION'S BUDGET DOES NOT ALIGN
8 ITSELF WITH THEIR PLAN. AND THEY MENTIONED SOMETHING. JUST ONE
9 EXAMPLE IS THAT PROBATION'S HOLDING BACK 11 MILLION FOR ITS
10 SCHOOL-BASED PROBATION PROGRAM, WHEN THE OPERATING BUDGET
11 APPEARED TO ONLY REQUIRE 5 MILLION. SO THERE'S JUST SOME--
12 THEY'RE JUST FEELING LIKE IT'S NOT ALIGNED WITH THE PLAN,
13 VERSUS HOW THE MONEY IS SPENT. AND WE DO HAVE MEMBERS OF THEM
14 THAT WANT TO COME, BUT WE CERTAINLY WANT TO HEAR FROM
15 PROBATION AND OUR AUDITOR-CONTROLLER. AND I THINK, FOR ME, I'D
16 LIKE TO KNOW, WHY DOES IT SEEM LIKE IT'S BEEN SO DIFFICULT TO
17 GET THIS MONEY TO OUR COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE
18 DOING THIS WORK? WHAT'S YOUR REACTION TO THE SENTIMENT THAT
19 YOUR BUDGET IS NOT ALIGNED WITH THE PLAN? AND, IN FACT, THEY
20 CAME UP WITH NEW IDEAS FOR NEW PROGRAMS. AND THERE SEEMS TO BE
21 A FUNDING OF KIND OF OLD PROGRAMS THAT AREN'T NECESSARILY--
22 THAT DON'T WORK ANYMORE. I'D JUST LIKE TO GET YOUR RESPONSE TO
23 THAT. AND THEN, TO JOHN, I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHY THIS MONEY
24 CONTINUES TO BE UNSPENT. SO, IS THIS YOUR LAST BOARD MEETING?
25 IS THIS YOUR LAST BOARD MEETING?

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1

2 **JOHN NAIMO:** YES, IT IS, SUPERVISOR. THIS IS MY LAST BOARD
3 MEETING, UNLESS YOU SCHEDULE A SPECIAL ONE IN THE NEXT THREE
4 DAYS.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WE'RE THINKING ABOUT IT.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YEAH. THANKS FOR THE SUGGESTION. ALL IN
9 FAVOR? ALL IN FAVOR?

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO IF ALL OF YOU COULD SORT OF ANSWER
12 SOME OF THE CONCERNS THAT YOU HEARD BEFORE WE ASK THE OTHER
13 SPEAKERS TO COME UP?

14

15 **TERRI MCDONALD:** MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU. TERRI MCDONALD, CHIEF
16 PROBATION OFFICER. SUPERVISORS, I THINK THERE IS A-- WHILE I
17 AGREE THAT WE NEED TO DO MORE, WORK HARDER, FOCUS MORE ON
18 GETTING SERVICES OUT TO THE COMMUNITY, I THINK THERE'S SOME
19 CONFUSION AROUND THE \$79 MILLION. THERE IS \$79 MILLION DOLLAR
20 IN TRUST, AND I WELCOME THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S COMING TO
21 TAKE A LOOK AT IT AND BEING TRANSPARENT AROUND IT. THE VAST
22 MAJORITY OF THAT MONEY, HOWEVER, HAS BEEN ENCUMBERED AND
23 ALLOCATED FOR OTHER SERVICES. YOU MENTIONED ONE OF THEM, WHICH
24 WAS THE \$3 MILLION FOR THE FOUNDATIONS, BUT WE ALSO MOVED, I
25 THINK, \$12 MILLION TO THE OFFICE OF YOUTH DIVERSION. THERE ARE

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1 MANY, MANY PROGRAMS THAT DOLLARS HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED FOR
2 ALREADY.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OF COURSE, THAT DOESN'T ADD UP TO 79
5 MILLION.

6

7 **TERRI MCDONALD:** IT'S SHORT ABOUT \$13 MILLION, I BELIEVE, AND
8 SHEILA WILL COVER THE SPECIFICS, BECAUSE SHE LIVES MORE IN
9 THIS LANE. BUT I THINK THERE IS SOME CONFUSION AROUND THE
10 MONEY THAT'S IN THE BUCKET, AND THEN THE MONIES THAT'S BEEN
11 ALLOCATED. THE OTHER THING THAT I THINK THE BOARD SHOULD BE
12 AWARE OF IS THAT WE PROBABLY NEED A LEGAL OPINION ABOUT THE
13 STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR FOLKS TO DIRECT THE CHIEF PROBATION
14 OFFICER. I DON'T EVEN DIRECT THE FUNDS. THE BOARD ULTIMATELY
15 DECIDES ABOUT EXPENDITURES. SO WE PROBABLY NEED A LEGAL
16 OPINION AROUND THAT ISSUE, SO THAT I DON'T GET INTO TROUBLE
17 AND WE DON'T GET INTO TROUBLE. THE OTHER QUESTION THAT KEEPS
18 COMING UP IS THE ABILITY OF THE J.J.C.C. TO ACTUALLY DO A LINE
19 ITEM DECISION ABOUT A SPECIFIC PROVIDER. SO, DOES THE J.J.C.C.
20 HAVE THE LEGAL AUTHORITY TO SAY, "I'D LIKE TO GIVE-- ALLOCATE
21 \$2 MILLION TO PROGRAM X"? BECAUSE I THINK THAT KEEPS COMING
22 UP. SO WE SHOULD BE AWARE OF THAT AS WE MOVE FORWARD. ONE OF
23 THE QUESTIONS WAS, WHAT HAPPENS TO COUNTY BUDGETS IF WE ALIGN?
24 SO, SHEILA CAN EXPLAIN THIS MORE ARTFULLY, BUT THERE'S A
25 BLENDING OF DOLLARS BETWEEN COUNTY AGENCIES AND C.B.O.

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1 AGENCIES. WHEN WE GOT HERE, WE WERE RUNNING WELL OVER 50
2 PERCENT FOR COUNTY SERVICES, AND UNDER THAT FOR C.B.O.S. THE
3 PLAN THAT GOT PROPOSED LAST WEEK FLIPS IT ON ITS HEAD TO
4 ROUGHLY 36 PERCENT FOR COUNTY AGENCIES, AND 63 PERCENT FOR
5 C.B.O.S. AND THE DESIRE IS TO KEEP MOVING MORE MONEY TO THE
6 C.B.O. AND REDUCING COUNTY AGENCIES. BUT THE CHALLENGE BEHIND
7 THAT, THAT THE BOARD WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER IS, THAT CAN BE
8 ROUGHLY \$14 MILLION IN COUNTY SERVICES THAT WE'D HAVE TO
9 UNDERSTAND THE IMPACT. AND THE CHALLENGE AROUND THE TIMING
10 TODAY IS, WE'RE RESPONSIBLE TO GET OUR PROPOSED BUDGET TO THE
11 STATE MAY 1ST. AND SO THERE'S A LOT OF-- AND IT'S SO COMPLEX.
12 SHEILA'S CONSTANTLY TRAINING ME ABOUT HOW THIS WORKS AND THE
13 FUNDING AROUND IT. I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE, AS THE BOARD
14 MAKES A DECISION, THAT YOU'RE AS INFORMED ABOUT THE TIMELINES,
15 THE POTENTIAL IMPACT TO COUNTY BUDGET, AND THE STATUTORY
16 AUTHORITY THAT EITHER-- OR THE BOARD MAY WANT TO GIVE ADDED
17 AUTHORITY TO THE J.J.C.C., BUT I DON'T BELIEVE THE STATUTE
18 GIVES THEM THE AUTHORITY TO DIRECT THE EXPENDITURES OF COUNTY
19 DOLLARS. SO, SHEILA, IF YOU WANT TO COVER IN GENERAL?

20

21 **SHEILA MITCHELL:** CERTAINLY. THANK YOU. AND SO, AS DESCRIBED,
22 SINCE 2017, IT WAS THE FIRST TIME IN 17 YEARS THAT THE
23 DEPARTMENT ASKED FOR AND A TOTAL OVERALL OF THE JUVENILE
24 JUSTICE SPENDING PLAN, AND THE PLAN ITSELF. AND WE ACTUALLY
25 TASKED A SUBSET OF THE JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

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1 TO HELP DEVELOP THAT PLAN. AND WHEN WE LOOKED AT WHO WOULD
2 DEVELOP THAT PLAN, AT FIRST WE LOOKED AT TRYING TO DO A
3 CONTRACT FOR AN OUTSIDE ENTITY, BUT INSTEAD WE LANDED ON
4 PATRICIA SOUNG FROM THE CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND, AND KIM
5 BOWMAN, WHO HAPPENS TO BE ONE OF OUR F.U.S.E. FELLOWS. THERE
6 WAS ABOUT SIX OR SEVEN OTHER FOLKS THAT ARE PART OF THIS TASK
7 FORCE THAT CAME UP WITH RECOMMENDATIONS, IN TERMS OF WHAT THIS
8 NEW STRATEGY AND PLAN WOULD LOOK LIKE FOR J.J.C.P.A. MOVING
9 FORWARD. I JUST WANTED TO POINT OUT A COUPLE OF THINGS, THAT,
10 WHILE THE TRUST FUND, AS THE CHIEF WAS DESCRIBING THE \$79
11 MILLION, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE TO DO IS
12 KIND OF RECONCILE THOSE NUMBERS WITH THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER,
13 BECAUSE THEY THINK THE NUMBER IS LOWER THAN THAT. BUT IN TERMS
14 OF THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT HAS BEEN ACTUALLY CARRIED OVER, IT
15 IS WITH THE OFFICE OF YOUTH DIVERSION AND DEVELOPMENT, THE \$12
16 MILLION. IT'S WITH THE PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE 3.2
17 MILLION. IT'S A LOT OF C.B.O.S THAT ARE IN THAT MIX. SO
18 THERE'S ALMOST \$65 MILLION, INCLUDING WHAT WE EXPECT TO BE
19 EXPENDED DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR, THAT WOULD LEAVE ONLY \$13
20 MILLION.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** BUT IS THAT MONEY ALREADY WITH THE
23 ORGANIZATIONS, OR IS THAT ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES AND COMMITTED
24 CARRYOVER?

25

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1 **SHELIA MITCHELL:** IT'S BOTH.

2

3 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** DO THEY HAVE THE MONEY?

4

5 **SHELIA MITCHELL:** YES, SOME DO, BUT SOME OF IT IS-- SAY, THE
6 OFFICE OF YOUTH DIVERSION AND DEVELOPMENT. THE \$12 MILLION,
7 THAT MONEY IS THERE FOR THEM TO USE; HOWEVER, THEY'VE ASKED US
8 TO HOLD IT IN OUR TRUST FUND AS THEY'RE BUILDING THEIR OWN
9 CAPACITY. SO WHAT HAPPENS IS, MONEY WILL STAY IN THE TRUST
10 FUND WHILE OTHERS ARE UPLIFTING. SO WHILE EVEN WITH THE
11 PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS, WE ALLOCATED \$3.2 MILLION, AND
12 THOSE DOLLARS WILL BE TRANSFERRED OVER TO THEM SOMETIME IN THE
13 NEXT MONTH OR TWO. SO IT'S A "YES AND," DEPENDING ON WHO THE
14 FUNDING SOURCE IS, SUPERVISOR.

15

16 **TERRI MCDONALD:** AND, SUPERVISOR, SOME PEOPLE MAY HAVE TO BILL
17 AGAINST CLIENTS SERVED. SO THE MONEY DOESN'T GO UP FRONT. ONCE
18 YOU'VE SERVED THE CLIENT, THEN THE FUNDING GOES AFTER THE
19 FACT. SO IT'S ALL DIFFERENT KIND OF VENUES THAT THE MONEY GOES
20 OUT.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** RIGHT. I JUST THINK THERE'S A SENSE THAT
23 "ENCUMBERED" IS NOT "THEY HAVE THE MONEY DOING THE WORK TO DO
24 THE PREVENTION IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS."

25

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1 **TERRI MCDONALD:** IT JUST DEPENDS ON THE CONTRACT. AND THERE'S
2 SOME LEGITIMACY TO WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, SUPERVISOR. THAT'S ONE
3 OF THE REASONS WE PUSHED FOR THE PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP,
4 BECAUSE THEY MAY HAVE THE CONTRACT WITH US TO PROVIDE
5 SERVICES, AND WE'LL JUST SAY \$100 A DAY PER YOUTH. BUT MAYBE
6 THEY DON'T HAVE THE INFRASTRUCTURE, THE CAPACITY-BUILDING, OR
7 THEY CAN'T START UP, OR THE BILLING TAKES SO LONG TO GET THE
8 MONEY MOVED TO THEM, WHICH IS ALL A LEGITIMATE FRUSTRATION AND
9 THINGS THAT WE CONTINUE TO WORK ON. THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS
10 WHY WE PUSHED FOR THE INNOVATION OF THE PUBLIC-PRIVATE
11 PARTNERSHIP.

12

13 **SHEILA MITCHELL:** AND SO IF I CAN, IF I MIGHT, SO THIS PAST
14 FISCAL YEAR, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE DID WITH OUR GROWTH
15 FUNDS-- SO WE GOT \$28 MILLION A YEAR FROM THE STATE FOR
16 J.J.C.P.A. FUNDING, AND THEN WE GET GROWTH FUNDS. AND THOSE
17 GROWTH FUNDS ARE BASED ON VEHICLE LICENSE FEE. SO WE'VE GOTTEN
18 AS LITTLE AS NOTHING TO \$8 MILLION TWO YEARS AGO, TO \$13
19 MILLION THIS YEAR. AND THEN WE'LL GET ANOTHER ALLOCATION IN
20 SEPTEMBER. BUT WHAT WE DID WITH THE GROWTH FUNDS THIS PAST
21 YEAR IS WE FUNDED-- WE ACTUALLY FLIPPED IT. IN YEARS PRIOR, 67
22 PERCENT OF THE GROWTH FUNDS WENT TO PUBLIC ENTITIES, WITH 36
23 PERCENT GOING TO THE COMMUNITY. THIS PAST YEAR, 63 PERCENT
24 GOES DIRECTLY TO OUR COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, AND THOSE
25 DOLLARS ARE IN THE HANDS OF OUR COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

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1 TODAY, WITH ONLY 32 PERCENT GOING TO COUNTY ENTITIES. IN TERMS
2 OF THE REVISED PLAN, WE ATTEMPTED TO VOTE ON ITS APPROVAL LAST
3 WEEK. THERE WAS SOMETHING FUNDAMENTAL THAT CHANGED IN THAT
4 PLAN. THAT PLAN NOW-- AND WE REALLY WANTED TO FOCUS ON AND
5 ALIGN WITH A POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK, TAKING INTO
6 CONSIDERATION EVERYTHING THAT WE'VE LEARNED FROM THE PROBATION
7 OUTCOMES REPORT, AND A WHOLE HOST OF THINGS. AND SO WHAT WAS
8 RECOMMENDED IN THAT PLAN IS THAT THE DISTRIBUTION WOULD
9 CHANGE. SO, FOR EXAMPLE, WITH INTERVENTION-- AND INTERVENTION
10 IS ANYTHING FROM KIDS THAT ARE ON PROBATION, SO IT'S SCHOOL-
11 BASED PROBATION OFFICERS, IT'S MENTAL HEALTH, IT'S THE ARTS
12 COMMISSION THAT ARE WORKING IN OUR JUVENILE HALL, THAT FUNDING
13 WENT FROM, ACTUALLY, A 40-- WE'RE NOW AT 48 PERCENT OF THE
14 FUNDING, ALMOST \$22 MILLION, TO A RECOMMENDATION OF 25
15 PERCENT, TO ALMOST BEING \$7 MILLION. AND WHEN THE J.J.C.C.
16 VOTED ON IT AT THE LAST MEETING, WHAT IT SAYS IN THE PLAN
17 ITSELF IS THAT THEY KNEW FULL WELL THAT TO REDUCE \$14 MILLION
18 FROM INTERVENTION WOULD NOT HAPPEN JULY 1, 2019. HOWEVER, WHAT
19 THEY WANTED TO HAPPEN IS THIS WAS A FORWARD-LEANING STRATEGY,
20 THAT IT WOULD HAPPEN OVER YEARS TO COME. AND SO WE TOOK THAT,
21 AND THAT WAS WHAT WAS APPROVED BY THE J.J.C.C. LAST WEEK.
22 HOWEVER, THE BUDGET WAS NOT APPROVED, AND SO THE TASK FORCE IS
23 MEETING AGAIN ON APRIL THE FIFTH. AND THEN WE ALREADY HAD A
24 TIME SET UP WHERE WE WOULD BRING IT TO CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW--
25 THAT'S ON APRIL THE 17TH-- WITH ANY REVISIONS THAT WE COULD

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1 MAKE TO THAT SPENDING PLAN, KNOWING FULL WELL TO REDUCE \$14
2 MILLION IN TWO MONTHS OR THREE MONTHS, EFFECTIVE JUNE THE
3 FIRST, WAS GOING TO BE A HEAVY LIFT. BUT WE'VE GONE BACK AND
4 LOOKING AT WHAT KIND OF CHANGES CAN WE MAKE WITH THIS FORWARD-
5 LEANING STRATEGY. AND SO I THINK THAT THE TASK FORCE HAS-- AND
6 WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED DURING THE TASK FORCE MEETING, YOU
7 KNOW, WE HAD PRESENTATIONS FROM PARKS, IN TERMS OF AN
8 INNOVATION PROJECT. THAT DID NOT GET APPROVED. WE HAD
9 PRESENTATIONS FROM THE LIBRARY. THAT DID NOT GET APPROVED. SO
10 A LOT OF GREAT FORWARD-LEANING-- A LOT OF GREAT THINGS THAT
11 DID NOT GET APPROVED THERE, THAT WOULD ACTUALLY HELP US IN
12 DELIVERING GOOD SERVICES TO OUR YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN. BUT WE
13 WILL BE COMING BACK TO THE CAR ON APRIL THE 17TH, WITH A
14 REVISED BUDGET. DON'T THINK IT WILL GET TO, CERTAINLY,
15 REDUCING 14 MILLION, BUT THERE WILL BE SOME ADDITIONAL
16 REDUCTIONS. BUT WE WANT TO KEEP IN MIND THAT WHAT WAS ASKED
17 FROM THIS COMMITTEE THAT WAS CHAIRED AND THAT WAS APPROVED BY
18 THIS TASK FORCE WAS THAT IT WAS NOT TO TAKE THE REDUCTION, BUT
19 IT WOULD BE LOOKING AT, LIKE, HOW DO WE DO THIS IN YEARS TO
20 COME?

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. JOHN, WOULD YOU SUPPORT THE
23 ACTUAL NUMBER THAT THERE'S ONLY ABOUT 13 MILLION OF UNSPENT
24 DOLLARS?

25

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1 **JOHN NAIMO:** SO, SUPERVISORS, I'M LOOKING AT THE QUARTERLY
2 REPORT THAT THE DEPARTMENT SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD BACK ON
3 JANUARY THE FOURTH. AND THERE'S A SCHEDULE THAT INDICATES, AT
4 THE BEGINNING OF THE FISCAL YEAR, THERE WERE 37-1/2 MILLION
5 DOLLARS CARRIED OVER FROM THE PRIOR YEAR. AND FROM THAT
6 NUMBER, THEY ESTIMATED NEW MONIES OF ABOUT 42 MILLION. THAT'S
7 WHERE YOU GET THE 79. IT'S INCOMPLETE FROM THE STANDPOINT THAT
8 THOSE ARE ALL THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO PAY FOR ANY SPENDING
9 IN FISCAL '18/'19. AND THERE IS SPENDING. AND THERE IS AN
10 ESTIMATE OF THAT SPENDING IN THEIR REPORT. IT'S ESTIMATED THAT
11 BY THE TIME WE GET TO THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR, THEY WILL
12 HAVE SPENT ABOUT \$47.5 MILLION, WHICH THEN LEAVES \$31.6
13 MILLION BY THE TIME WE CLOSE THE BOOKS. 31.6. FROM THAT
14 NUMBER, THE DEPARTMENT REPRESENTS THAT THERE IS ABOUT \$25
15 MILLION EARMARKED FOR DIFFERENT PROGRAM PURPOSES, MONEY THAT
16 HAS TECHNICALLY NOT BEEN SPENT. THE MONEY HASN'T GONE OUT THE
17 DOOR. IT'S NOT NECESSARILY CONTRACTED FOR YET, BUT IT'S BEEN
18 EARMARKED FOR SPECIFIC PROGRAMS, AND THOSE PROGRAMS ARE
19 ENUMERATED IN THE REPORT. IF YOU DEDUCT THE 25 MILLION, YOU
20 END UP WITH AN UNEARMARKED AMOUNT OF ABOUT 6.6 MILLION.

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22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** UNEARMARKED?

23
24 **JOHN NAIMO:** UNEARMARKED. CORRECT.

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** BUT AT YOUR POINT, UNSPENT IS THE 79

2 MILLION? UNSPENT, PURE AND SIMPLE?

3

4 **JOHN NAIMO:** THE UNSPENT, BASED ON THE PROJECTION, SAYS THAT WE

5 WILL HAVE CASH IN THE BANK ON JUNE 30TH, OF ABOUT \$31.6

6 MILLION.

7

8 **TERRI MCDONALD:** SOME OF THAT MONEY WE MOVED MULTIPLE YEARS.

9 LIKE OFFICE OF YOUTH DIVERSION, IT'S A MULTIYEAR EXPENDITURE

10 OVER TO THEM. WE GAVE THEM A MULTIYEAR STRATEGY, SO IT'S

11 SITTING IN OUR TRUST ACCOUNT, FOR EXAMPLE, BUT IT'S EARMARKED

12 TO GO TO THEM. THAT'S WHY I'D LIKE TO WORK WITH THE AUDITOR-

13 CONTROLLER, BECAUSE IT'S CONFUSING.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER:** I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT. I MEAN, SOME OF THIS IS

16 ONGOING, THAT'S ENCUMBERED. AND I THINK WHAT I HEARD, I THINK

17 YOU MAY HAVE GIVEN THE EXAMPLE OF 5 MILLION THAT THEY'RE STILL

18 WAITING TO GET. I DON'T KNOW IF THE PROCESS IS SLOW, BUT I

19 THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT THERE HAS BEEN MONEY

20 PROMISED. AND I GUESS THE QUESTION IS, WHAT'S TAKING IT SO

21 LONG TO GET OUT THERE, OR ARE THEY AWARE OF THE FACT THAT THEY

22 BILL AGAINST IT, OR HOW DOES IT WORK? BECAUSE THE PERCEPTION

23 IS THAT WE'RE SITTING ON A BUNCH OF MONEY. AND WHAT I'M

24 HEARING FROM YOU ALL IS THERE'S 6.5 THAT IS UNENCUMBERED, BUT

25 ALL THE REST IS SPOKEN FOR. CORRECT?

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1

2 **SHEILA MITCHELL:** YES. SO, FOR EXAMPLE, SUPERVISOR, WHEN WE
3 LOOK AT-- AND HAVE HAD CONVERSATIONS WITH JUDGE ESPINOZA. WHEN
4 WE LOOK AT THE \$12 MILLION THAT THE BOARD SUPPORTED US FUNDING
5 LAST YEAR, AS THE OFFICE WAS BUILDING CAPACITY, IT WAS CLEAR
6 THAT THEY HAD FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES, AS WELL. AND WHAT
7 THEY TOLD US IS THAT THEY WOULD NOT SPEND THE MONEY THIS YEAR,
8 AND IT MIGHT BE UNLIKELY THAT THEY EVEN SPEND IT NEXT YEAR.
9 AND SO THAT STILL REMAINS IN OUR TRUST FUND, AS THEY'RE TRYING
10 TO BUILD UP THEIR RESOURCES IN TERMS OF COMMUNITY-BASED
11 ORGANIZATIONS.

12

13 **SUP. BARGER:** MADAM CHAIR, SO IF THEY'RE SAYING THEY DON'T NEED
14 THE MONEY, I THINK ALL OF US HAVE DIFFERENT GROUPS THAT WOULD
15 REALLY USE IT, AND USE IT IN A WISE WAY. SO, I MEAN, IF OFFICE
16 OF DIVERSION IS SAYING THAT NOT ONLY DO THEY NOT NEED IT THIS
17 YEAR, THEY NOT NEED IT NEXT YEAR, THAT SHOULD BE BROUGHT
18 FORWARD, BECAUSE THERE ARE OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THAT MAY
19 BENEFIT FROM THAT.

20

21 **SHEILA MITCHELL:** YEAH, I THINK IN TERMS OF THEM SUSTAINING
22 WHAT THEY ARE LOOKING AT, IN TERMS OF WHEN THE OFFICE OF YOUTH
23 DIVERSION IS AT ITS, YOU KNOW, FULL CAPACITY, THAT THEY WILL
24 INDEED NEED THOSE FUNDS. AND SO WHEN WE ALLOCATED THE FUNDS,
25 IT WAS FOR SEED MONEY IN GROWING THE OFFICE.

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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, THANK YOU. YES, MR. NAIMO?

3

4 **JOHN NAIMO:** SUPERVISOR, SO IF WE'RE ASKED TO REVIEW THIS
5 PROGRAM, WE WOULD START WITH ALL THE FACTS, MEANING HOW MUCH
6 MONEY IS IN THE BANK. AND THEN WE WOULD THEN LOOK AT ANY
7 EARMARKS AND ENCUMBRANCES TO DETERMINE THE NECESSITY OF THOSE:
8 HOW APPROPRIATE THEY ARE, WHETHER THOSE THINGS NEED TO BE SET
9 ASIDE, OR WHETHER ONGOING REVENUES COULD POTENTIALLY PAY FOR
10 SOME OF THOSE PROGRAMS. SO THOSE ARE THE THINGS WE WOULD LOOK
11 AT. AND BECAUSE WE KEEP COMING BACK TO THE AMOUNT OF MONEY IN
12 THOSE FUNDS, I THINK ANOTHER ASPECT OF THIS THAT SHOULD BE
13 LOOKED AT IS THE NEED FOR A PRUDENT RESERVE. AT SOME POINT, WE
14 SHOULD ESTABLISH WHAT IS A PRUDENT RESERVE FOR THIS FUND,
15 WHICH WOULD BE THEN THE DEPARTMENT'S TARGET FOR SPENDING THIS
16 MONEY ON AN ONGOING BASIS.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** RIGHT. I HEAR YOU, BUT I'M PRETTY SURE WHEN
19 THE LAW WAS PASSED, THE OBJECTIVE WAS TO SPEND 30 MILLION
20 EVERY SINGLE YEAR ON PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION METHODS IN
21 OUR COUNTY. PRETTY SURE ADAM SCHIFF AND TONY CARDENAS AND THE
22 WHOLE LEGISLATURE WERE NOT THINKING ABOUT CARRYING IT OVER, OR
23 JUST ENCUMBERING IT OR EARMARKING IT OR KEEPING A RESERVE. I'M
24 PRETTY SURE THEIR INTENT WAS THAT WE WOULD SPEND THAT MONEY
25 ANNUALLY, AND THAT'S WHY THIS COUNCIL WAS SET UP: TO COME UP

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1 WITH THE PLAN. I'M PRETTY SURE THEY ALSO BELIEVE WE OUGHT TO
2 BE SPENDING IT EVERY YEAR. SO WE'RE GOING TO HEAR FROM THEM.
3 SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

4

5 **SUP. KUEHL:** YEAH, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO-- I MEAN, THREE OF
6 US HAVE BEEN AT THAT LEGISLATURE, AND WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE A
7 LOT OF IDEAS ABOUT HOW, YOU KNOW, WE PUT IT IN THE BUDGET AND
8 IT SHOULD BE SPENT. BUT WE ALSO CREATED A REALLY NEW IDEA, IN
9 ESSENCE, ABOUT YOUTH DIVERSION. AND THE CAPACITY TO DO THESE
10 PROGRAMS DOESN'T JUST APPEAR INSTANTLY. EVEN OUR COMMUNITY-
11 BASED ORGANIZATIONS ARE NOT SUDDENLY ABLE TO ABSORB AND SPEND.
12 WE'VE SEEN IT IN THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING ARENA, WE'VE SEEN IT
13 IN THE HOMELESSNESS SERVICES ARENA. SUDDENLY THERE'S A HUGE
14 INFLUX OF NEW MONEY. IT COMES IN APRIL 15TH, OR WHATEVER, AND
15 OFF WE GO. AND I THINK THAT IN MOST OF OUR PROGRAMS-- MINIMUM
16 WAGE REQUIREMENT, ANY OF THEM-- WE LOOK AT A ROLLOUT. AND THE
17 REASON WE LOOK AT A ROLLOUT IS BECAUSE PEOPLE CAN'T GEAR UP
18 FAST ENOUGH. I THINK TO SAY, "OH, WELL, I'VE GOT A COUPLE OF
19 PLACES THAT WOULD REALLY LIKE IT," YEAH, BUT IF YOU ASK THEM,
20 IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO SAY, "OH, HERE'S \$3 MILLION, YOU HAVE
21 TO SPEND IT THIS YEAR, AND MAKE IT A GOOD PROGRAM, AND FIND
22 ALL THE GOOD PEOPLE TO RUN IT, THEN FIND ALL THE CLIENTS, AND
23 THEN BILL US, BECAUSE WE DON'T PAY UNTIL YOU BILL US." SO I
24 THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO HEAR-- AND I WANT TO HEAR FROM THOSE
25 WHO HAVE ADOPTED THE PLAN-- IF MS. MITCHELL SAYS THEY THOUGHT

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1 THIS WOULD NOT BE PART OF THE CURRENT BUDGET, BUT THE NEXT
2 BUDGET, RECOGNIZING, PERHAPS, A NEED FOR AN APPROPRIATE
3 ROLLOUT. THEN IT IS THE CASE THAT WE ARE NOT HOLDING BACK OR
4 DRAGGING OUR FEET, BUT DOING APPROPRIATE PLANNING. EARMARKING
5 IS SOMETHING THAT WE DO WHILE PROGRAMS BUILD UP THEIR
6 CAPACITY. SO, HONESTLY, I'M OF THREE OR FOUR MINDS ON THIS,
7 BECAUSE I LIKE MONEY GETTING OUT THE DOOR. BUT I ALSO, HAVING
8 CHAIRED THE BOARD OF THREE NONPROFITS AND BEEN MANAGING
9 ATTORNEY OF ANOTHER ONE, I CAN TELL YOU, YOU CAN'T JUST GET A
10 BUNCH OF MONEY IN THE DOOR AND, BANG, YOU SPEND IT, BECAUSE
11 IT'S IRRESPONSIBLE. SO I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO
12 UNDERSTAND, WHAT IS THE TRANSITION PERIOD NEEDED TO GO FROM
13 PROGRAMS THAT WE HAVE, THAT HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO AS OLD-
14 FASHIONED AND NO LONGER USEFUL, TO MORE APPROPRIATE PROGRAMS,
15 IN THE NEW SENSE? I MEAN, AS PART OF A VERY AMBITIOUS REFORM
16 GROUP, I HAVE TO SAY THAT MY REACH OFTEN EXCEEDS MY GRASP,
17 BECAUSE I WANT IT TO HAPPEN RIGHT AWAY, AND I WANT US TO
18 CHANGE FROM, YOU KNOW, INCARCERATION TO DIVERSION, AND SO
19 LET'S HAVE AN OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY, AND SUDDENLY
20 EVERYBODY WILL BE DIVERTED. WELL, NO, IT DOESN'T HAPPEN THAT
21 QUICKLY. OR I WANT BAIL REFORM, YOU KNOW, AND I WANT EVERYBODY
22 OUT, AND THEY DON'T HAVE TO PAY BAIL. WELL, NO, IT WON'T
23 HAPPEN THAT QUICKLY. WE HAVE TO WORK IT THROUGH. SO I WANT TO
24 UNDERSTAND-- AND AGAIN, I DO LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM THE
25 PEOPLE WHO PUT THE PLAN TOGETHER, WHETHER THEY THEMSELVES

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1 UNDERSTOOD THAT IT WOULD TAKE LONGER THAN THIS FISCAL YEAR,
2 AND WHETHER IT'S KIND OF APPROPRIATE TO BE THOUGHTFUL-- AND
3 THIS IS MY CHARACTERIZATION-- ABOUT HOW WE ROLL THIS OUT; OR
4 IF, AS SOME MEMBERS OF THE BOARD FEEL, THERE'S RECALCITRANCE
5 IN JUST NOT GETTING THE MONEY OUT THE DOOR. AND I THINK WE
6 NEED TO BE RESPONSIBLE ABOUT-- WE GIVE EVERYBODY ELSE TIME TO
7 GET USED TO SOMETHING. A LOT OF TIMES, IT'S BUSINESSES, ET
8 CETERA. WE OFTEN DO NOT GIVE OUR NONPROFITS-- AND EVEN
9 L.A.H.S.A. OR THE HOMELESSNESS SERVICES DUMP A LOT OF MONEY,
10 AND WONDER WHY IT'S NOT OUT THE DOOR. IT TAKES TIME. SO I WANT
11 TO TRY TO UNDERSTAND BEFORE I SAY "YEAH, LET'S DO THIS," "A,"
12 WHAT ARE WE DOING? ARE WE SAYING THEY'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO
13 SPEND THE MONEY ON THEIR OWN AUTHORITY IN THE CURRENT BUDGET;
14 OR "B," ARE WE BEING RESPONSIBLE IN TERMS OF ROLLING IT OUT?
15 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. BEFORE I CALL ON SUPERVISOR
18 RIDLEY-THOMAS, JOHN, WOULD YOU HAVE A SENSE THAT THAT IS ONE
19 OF THE PROBLEMS OF GETTING THE MONEY OUT THE DOOR, THAT
20 ORGANIZATIONS ARE, AT THIS POINT, NOT CAPABLE OF RAMPING UP OR
21 CREATING A CLIENT LIST AND BILLING US? IS THAT ONE OF THE
22 ISSUES THAT YOU FOUND?

23

24 **JOHN NAIMO:** IT'S PART OF IT. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WAS CALLED
25 OUT IN THE LAST AUDIT WAS THE PLANNING PROCESS. THERE HAS TO

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1 BE A STRONG PLANNING PROCESS TO NOT JUST LOOK AT WHAT'S IN
2 FRONT OF THE COUNTY THIS YEAR, BUT THE NEXT YEAR AND THE YEAR
3 AFTER THAT, HAVING A CONTRACT BASE THAT CAN DELIVER THESE
4 SERVICES IN A TIMELY FASHION. SO WE TALKED ABOUT FISCAL
5 ADMINISTRATION, CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION. THOSE ARE ALL
6 CRITICAL ELEMENTS TO DEVELOPING AND SUSTAINING A PROGRAM IN
7 SUCH A WAY THAT YOU BEGIN TO MATCH THE INFLOWS OF MONEY WITH
8 THE OUTFLOWS.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SO, WOULD IT BE APPROPRIATE, MAYBE, FOR SOME
11 OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS TO HAVE A LITTLE MORE CONTRACT
12 ADMINISTRATION HELP?

13

14 **JOHN NAIMO:** IT COULD BE.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SOME TECHNICAL SUPPORT?

17

18 **JOHN NAIMO:** AND THOSE RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS,
21 AND THEN SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I APPRECIATE THE DISCUSSION, MADAM CHAIR.
24 THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER USES A CHOICE TERM, AND THAT IS
25 "FRUSTRATION," NOT WITH RESPECT TO HERSELF, PER SE, BUT WITH

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1 RESPECT TO THE SENTIMENT THAT INFORMS THE WHOLE DISCUSSION.
2 LET ME ASSOCIATE MYSELF WITH THAT ASSERTION, IN VIEW OF THE
3 FACT THAT THIS HAS BEEN AT LEAST A DECADE OF AN APPEAL ON THE
4 PART OF THE BOARD AND STAKEHOLDERS TO GET THIS STRAIGHTENED
5 OUT. THIS IS FIVE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS LATER. IT IS AFTER
6 D.O.J. AND OTHER ENTITIES TAKING A LOOK. HOW MANY AUDITS HAVE
7 YOU PERFORMED, MR. NAIMO, AND YOUR TEAM, AND PERHAPS YOUR
8 PREDECESSOR, TO TRY TO GET CLARITY? AND SO WE ARE WELL PAST A
9 POINT OF BEING ABLE TO DEFEND OR EXCUSE THE INACTION THAT
10 NEEDS TO TAKE PLACE. WE HAVEN'T EVEN GOTTEN TO THE POINT OF
11 HAVING A CONCRETE DISCUSSION ABOUT ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE
12 RESOURCES THAT ARE PUT IN THE COMMUNITY. THAT'S A LEGITIMATE
13 DISCUSSION, AS WELL. I MEAN, IT IS NOT AS IF JUST MAKING THESE
14 INVESTMENTS WILL BE A CURE-ALL. IT WOULD BE NICE TO KNOW
15 WHETHER THAT IS THE CASE. SO THE PUSH HERE IS TO GET THEM
16 WHERE THEY ARE INTENDED TO BE, SO THAT WE CAN EVALUATE THE
17 EFFICACY OF THE RESPECTIVE PROPOSALS AND IMPLEMENTATION PLANS
18 THAT WE HOPE CAN BE CELEBRATED AND REPLICATED. WE ARE WAY
19 BEHIND IN TERMS OF THAT. SO, LIBERTY HILL, ET CETERA, UNLESS
20 WE GET THOSE RESOURCES THERE, WE WON'T KNOW WHETHER THEY CAN
21 BE EFFECTIVE OR NOT. THE PUSH HERE IS TO REMOVE ALL THE
22 IMPEDIMENTS. THE PUSH HERE IS TO SAY THAT A BROKEN CONTRACTING
23 SYSTEM IS NO LONGER ACCEPTABLE, IN TERMS OF US RATIONALIZING
24 WHY WE HAVEN'T DONE BETTER THAN WE HAVE DONE. FIX IT, DAMN IT.
25 THAT'S THE POINT THAT WE NEED TO GET TO. [APPLAUSE.] AND THE

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1 REASON ONE ASSERTS THAT IS THAT IT HAS BEEN A FULL DECADE. GO
2 BACK TO THE MINUTES OF THIS BOARD AND TELL ME WHY WE CAN'T DO
3 ANY BETTER THAN WE HAVE DONE. IT GIVES RISE TO CONCERNS THAT
4 THERE ARE SELF-PERPETUATING ACTIONS ON THE PART OF THE
5 DEPARTMENT ITSELF THAT PREDATE THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION, BUT
6 BEING AS DEEP AS SOME OF THESE ISSUES MAY BE, MAY BE ELUDING
7 THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION, AND WHY CAN'T WE JUST GET THIS
8 RIGHT? I CONCLUDE AS I BEGAN. THE TERM YOU USED INITIALLY IS
9 APPLICABLE-- "FRUSTRATING"-- BUT COMPLETELY INEXCUSABLE. WE
10 NEED TO GET ON WITH THIS IN A WAY THAT IS PRUDENT, THAT IS
11 DEFENSIBLE, THAT CAN CELEBRATE BEST PRACTICES AND THE KIND OF
12 OUTCOMES AND RESULTS THAT WE NEED THAT MITIGATE RECIDIVISM,
13 ALL OF THAT. THAT'S THE OBJECTIVE HERE. AND IF YOU CAN'T GET
14 THE MONEY IN THE HANDS OF THOSE WHO ARE SUPPOSED TO BE DOING
15 THAT WORK, IN TERMS OF INDIGENOUS STAKEHOLDERS AND SUBJECT
16 MATTER EXPERTS EXTERNAL TO THE DEPARTMENT, BUT IN
17 COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT, THEN I DON'T KNOW WHAT
18 WE'RE DOING. AND THAT'S WHAT I THINK THE MOTION IS ESSENTIALLY
19 TRYING TO DO. THIS IS WHAT I'VE HEARD SUPERVISOR SOLIS RAISING
20 SINCE THE FIRST YEAR SHE ARRIVED ON THIS BOARD, JUST TRYING TO
21 GET SOME CLARITY AS TO WHY WE CAN'T MOVE THIS. AND MY
22 CONVERSATIONS WITH YOU, CHIEF MCDONALD, HAS BEEN THAT THINGS
23 ARE TERRIBLY BROKEN. THERE'S NO INFRASTRUCTURE THAT HELPS US
24 GET THIS DONE. WELL, LET'S SAY THAT OUT LOUD AND FIX THAT
25 INFRASTRUCTURE, AND MAYBE IT SHOULD START RIGHT HERE, IN A WAY

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1 THAT CAUSES US TO MAKE MORE PROGRESS THAN WHAT HAS BEEN MADE
2 TO DATE.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IF THERE'S NO OTHER QUESTIONS OF
5 OUR ESTEEMED PANEL HERE, WHY DON'T WE INVITE UP SOME OF THE
6 OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT ARE ASKING US TO ADDRESS US
7 ON THIS.

8

9 **TERRI MCDONALD:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

12

13 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE
14 COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME: PATRICIA SOUNG, JOSH
15 GREEN, MARCUS CASTAI, ADRIANA MENDEZ, ANTHONY ROBLES, DAVID
16 TURNER, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, ERIC PREVEN, EUNISSES
17 HERNANDEZ, GEORGE BUZZETTI, GLORIA GONZALEZ, HERMAN HERMAN,
18 HERMAN AVILEZ, IVETTE ALE, JOSHUA HAM, JUAN MORALES, KENT
19 MENDOZA, LEX STEPPLING, MEGHAN BEST, WALDO GONZALEZ, WAYNE
20 SPINDLER, YVONNE AUTRY, EMILY BLAKE, AND RED CHIEF HUNT.
21 PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND IF YOU'RE A MEMBER OF
24 J.J.C.C., PLEASE IDENTIFY YOURSELF AS SUCH. YES, GO AHEAD.
25 WHOEVER WANTS TO START.

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2 **PATRICIA SOUNG:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I AM PATRICIA SOUNG, THE
3 POLICY DIRECTOR OF YOUTH JUSTICE AT CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND
4 CALIFORNIA. I'M THE SECOND DISTRICT APPOINTEE TO THE J.J.C.C.,
5 AND I WAS PRIVILEGED TO SERVE AS COCHAIR OF THE TASK FORCE
6 COMPRISED OF 12 MEMBERS OF THE J.J.C.C., AND CREATED LAST
7 FEBRUARY 2018 TO DEVELOP A NEW, LONG-OVERDUE SPENDING PLAN FOR
8 J.J.C.P.A. FUNDS. THANK YOU FOR THIS MOTION. IT IS APPROPRIATE
9 AND IMPORTANT FOR TWO PRIMARY REASONS. FIRST, IT IS
10 APPROPRIATE BECAUSE THE BOARD CREATES AND OVERSEES THE
11 J.J.C.C., AND IT IS THE JOB OF THE J.J.C.C., UNDER WELFARE
12 INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTION 749.22, TO "DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT
13 THE COMPREHENSIVE MULTIAGENCY JUVENILE JUSTICE PLAN." UNDER
14 GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 30061, THAT PLAN MUST INCLUDE A
15 DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM STRATEGIES AND SYSTEM ENHANCEMENTS
16 TO BE FUNDED. AND, IN FACT, THE BUDGET WAS PRESENTED TO THE
17 J.J.C.C. LAST MONDAY TO BE VOTED ON. GUIDANCE FROM THE BOARD
18 IS WELCOME TO THOSE OF US ON THE J.J.C.C. TRYING TO SERVE THE
19 COUNTY TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY. AND SECOND, WHILE THE
20 MOTION IS IMPORTANT IN AFFIRMING THE RECENT WORK OF A NEWLY
21 INVIGORATED J.J.C.C., AND WE SHOULD PAUSE TO APPRECIATE THE
22 WORK, THE CALLS FOR OVERHAULING, THE SUSPENDING PLAN OVER MANY
23 YEARS, THE FACT THAT THE PROPOSED PLAN DIDN'T START FROM
24 SCRATCH, AND IN FACT REFLECTS, LIFTS UP, AND CONNECTS TO MANY
25 YEARS OF WORK IN THIS COUNTY TO DEFINE STRATEGIES THAT

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1 STRENGTHEN YOUTH AND FAMILIES. MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE MOTION
2 GIVES US CLEAR INSTRUCTION ON THE WORK WE STILL HAVE TO DO. WE
3 STILL HAVE TO ALIGN THE BUDGET WITH OUR NEWLY ADOPTED
4 STRATEGIES. THE J.J.C.C. IS A COLLABORATIVE BODY, AS WAS THE
5 TASK FORCE, BUT WE DID NOT ALWAYS AGREE. WE AGREED THAT IT
6 WOULD TAKE TIME TO SHIFT FROM 17 YEARS OF DOING BUSINESS ONE
7 WAY TO A NEW WAY. WE AGREED ON MANY POSITIVE INITIATIVES TO
8 SUPPORT IN THE NEW YEAR, BUT WE DISAGREE THAT WE HAD
9 SUFFICIENT TIME TO FULLY UNDERSTAND AND VOTE ON THE BUDGET.
10 AND WE DISAGREE THAT THERE WERE ENOUGH SPECIFICS ON WHAT IT
11 WOULD TAKE TO TRANSITION TO A MORE FULLY IMPLEMENTED PLAN THAT
12 ALIGNS WITH OUR NEW STRATEGIES.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND IF YOU DIDN'T GET TO ALL YOUR
15 TESTIMONY, AND YOU'D LIKE TO TURN THAT IN, WE'D BE VERY
16 INTERESTED IN READING IT. WELL, I CAN ONLY SPEAK FOR MYSELF. I
17 WOULD BE VERY INTERESTED IN READING IT. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

18

19 **JOSH GREEN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JOSH GREEN. I'M THE
20 DIRECTOR OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAMS AT THE URBAN PEACE
21 INSTITUTE, AND I'M AN APPOINTED MEMBER OF THE J.J.C.C.,
22 REPRESENTING THE THIRD DISTRICT. I'M ALSO A MEMBER OF THE TASK
23 FORCE, AND THE CHAIR OF THE J.J.C.C.'S COMMUNITY ADVISORY
24 COMMITTEE, WHICH SOLICITS INPUT DIRECTLY FROM COMMUNITY
25 MEMBERS. SO I HAVE SOME PREPARED REMARKS. WHAT I'M GOING TO

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1 TRY TO DO IS INCORPORATE THOSE WITH JUST SOME CLARITY-- I
2 THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT-- AROUND WHAT WE'VE HEARD ALREADY. THE
3 FIRST PIECE IS, BEFORE I WAS AN APPOINTED MEMBER, I WAS A
4 COMMUNITY MEMBER SHOWING UP AT THE J.J.C.C. MEETINGS,
5 WONDERING WHY THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND THE BUDGET WERE SO
6 OUT OF ALIGNMENT WITH WHAT THE COUNTY ITSELF AND THIS BOARD
7 HAD EXERCISED LEADERSHIP AROUND, AS YOUTH ARRESTS AND
8 INCARCERATION WERE GOING DOWN. THAT WAS THREE YEARS AGO, SO
9 THIS IS NOT A NEW CONVERSATION AROUND REALLOCATING THESE
10 FUNDS. THIS IS A THREE-YEAR-OLD CONVERSATION. THE TASK FORCE
11 ITSELF WAS FORMED IN FEBRUARY OF LAST YEAR. SO THIS IS A 13-
12 MONTH-OLD TASK FORCE. SO THIS IS NOT A NEW CONVERSATION IN
13 THAT REGARD, EITHER. I JUST ALSO WANT TO IDENTIFY THAT THIS IS
14 A SUPER-COMPLICATED BUDGETING CONVERSATION. THIS IS EXACTLY
15 WHY WE SHOULD RELY ON THE J.J.C.C. TO SUPPORT THE DEPARTMENT.
16 THE HISTORY OF THE DEPARTMENT IS THAT THERE HAVE BEEN
17 SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES, UNSPENT FUNDS, POORLY ALIGNED BUDGET,
18 A PLAN THAT WASN'T AMENDED FOR 15 YEARS. ONLY SINCE COMMUNITY
19 MEMBERS WERE APPOINTED BY THIS BOARD DID WE MOVE THE BALL
20 FORWARD, AND SO WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO RELY ON THAT BODY. THERE
21 HAS BEEN GREAT COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP, GREAT COMMUNITY
22 PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DEPARTMENT, AND SO WE CAN'T STOP NOW. WE
23 ACTUALLY HAVE TO SHIFT THE BUDGET NOW. AND I THINK THERE'S A
24 DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SAYING IT WILL TAKE TIME AND SAYING WE'RE
25 NOT GOING TO SHIFT IT AT ALL THIS YEAR. WE MAY NOT GET ALL THE

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1 WAY TO ALIGNMENT, BUT THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE SOME
2 REAL PROGRESS HERE. THE LAST THING I'LL SAY IS, IT'S NOT JUST
3 THE YOUTH DIVERSION AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE THAT HAS THIS
4 CHALLENGE. THERE'S ALSO CHALLENGES IN GETTING MONEY TO THE
5 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, THE CHALLENGES AROUND THOSE
6 ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVING REFERRALS FROM THE COUNTY AGENCIES,
7 AND THE FEE-FOR-SERVICE CONTRACTS, WHICH MAKE IT VERY
8 DIFFICULT TO SUSTAIN COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. COULD I ASK YOU JUST ONE
11 QUESTION? WHAT DO YOU THINK IT WOULD TAKE TO FURTHER ALIGN
12 PROBATION'S BUDGET WITH J.J.C.C.'S GUIDING PRINCIPLES?

13

14 **JOSH GREEN:** SO, JUST A POINT OF CLARIFICATION: THE J.J.C.C.
15 BUDGET, IT'S NOT REALLY PROBATION'S BUDGET. IT IS PRESENTED BY
16 PROBATION, BUT IT'S THE ENTIRE COUNCIL'S BUDGET. SO, WHAT WE
17 HAVE SEEN IS THERE'S A FEW LARGE AREAS OF SPENDING ON THE
18 INTERVENTION SIDE THAT WE ALSO KNOW THAT THERE HAVE BEEN
19 SHIFTS IN PROGRAMMING. SO, FOR EXAMPLE, SCHOOL-BASED PROBATION
20 OFFICERS, WHILE A VERY IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF THE PLAN, WE KNOW
21 THAT THOSE OFFICERS HISTORICALLY PROVIDED WHAT HAS BEEN
22 REFERRED TO AS W.I.C. 236 VOLUNTARY PROBATION, AND THAT WAS
23 ENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT LAST YEAR, WHICH MEANS THAT THEY
24 SHOULDN'T NEED THE FUNDS THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY ALLOCATED TO
25 THOSE.

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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SO YOU DO HAVE SPECIFIC AREAS WHERE YOU
3 THINK YOU CAN--?

4

5 **JOSH GREEN:** THERE ARE, BUT BROAD PICTURE, BROAD STROKES,
6 THERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO INVEST IN THE PREVENTION SIDE, AS
7 FOLKS HAVE SAID, AND MOVE AWAY FROM THE INTERVENTION, BECAUSE
8 WHAT WE KNOW IS THE NUMBERS ARE REDUCED ON THE INTERVENTION
9 SIDE.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

12

13 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, JOSH. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
14 SERVICE. I THANK ALL OF THE APPOINTEES, BUT OF COURSE YOU'RE
15 MINE. MS. MITCHELL INDICATED THAT THERE WAS AN ATTITUDE IN THE
16 J.J.C.C. OR THE TASK FORCE THAT THERE MAY NOT HAVE BEEN AN
17 EXPECTATION OF ALL OF THESE CHANGES IN THIS BUDGET, WHICH
18 WE'RE TALKING, I GUESS, THE '18/'19 BUDGET OR THE '19/'20
19 BUDGET, WHICH WE HAVE NOT BEGUN YET. COULD YOU CLARIFY FOR ME,
20 IF THAT IS THE CASE, WHICH BUDGET AND KIND OF WHAT THE
21 DISCUSSION WAS?

22

23 **JOSH GREEN:** SO, MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT
24 THE '19/'20 BUDGET, AND THAT THERE IS AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT
25 WE WON'T GET ALL THE WAY TO ALIGNING EVERY DOLLAR TO THE PLAN

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1 THAT WAS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY LAST MONDAY, BUT NOT THAT WE
2 WOULDN'T GET ANYWHERE. AND SO AT THE TASK FORCE LEVEL, WHERE
3 WE HAD THESE CONVERSATIONS, WE HAD TO AGREE TO DISAGREE AND
4 ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE WERE GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE THIS TO THE
5 J.J.C.C., AND THAT THAT WAS THE VENUE IN WHICH WE WOULD DECIDE
6 HOW FAR WE COULD GET, WHICH IS, I THINK, WHY THIS MOTION
7 ITSELF IS SO IMPORTANT, BECAUSE IT REINFORCES THE WORK OF THE
8 J.J.C.C. SO I DON'T THINK THERE IS AN EXPECTATION THAT WE WILL
9 GET EVERYWHERE, BUT I THINK THE REASON THAT WE EXPECTED WE
10 WOULD GET SOMEWHERE, AND SOME SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS WOULD BE
11 MADE THIS YEAR FOR THE '19/'20 BUDGET, IS BECAUSE LAST YEAR
12 THERE WAS A PROMISE THAT THERE WOULD BE A MIDYEAR REVISE OF
13 THE BUDGET TO ADDRESS THIS EXACT SAME CONCERN THAT WE RAISED A
14 YEAR AGO, AND THAT NEVER HAPPENED, IN SPITE OF PUSHING BY THE
15 J.J.C.C MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS. SO I THINK WE RAISED
16 THAT CONCERN TO SET THE STAGE FOR OUR BELIEF THAT WE NEEDED TO
17 DO MORE THAN JUST COMMIT TO FUTURE BUDGETARY REVISIONS; WE
18 NEEDED TO MAKE PROGRESS THIS YEAR.

19
20 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

21
22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SO YOU'RE HOPEFUL THAT WE CAN GET
23 TO A LITTLE MORE ALIGNMENT THIS YEAR?

24
25 **JOSH GREEN:** YES.

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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. I KNOW HE'S YOURS, BUT I
3 HAD FUN ASKING HIM QUESTIONS, TOO.

4

5 **MARCUS CASTAI:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MARCUS
6 CASTAI, AND I'M ALSO ONE OF THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS OF THE
7 J.J.C.C. I'VE BEEN FOLLOWING THIS FOR ABOUT THREE YEARS. YOU
8 OBVIOUSLY ALL ARE VERY WELL INFORMED ON THIS ISSUE, AND THAT'S
9 VERY ENCOURAGING TO HEAR, BASED ON YOUR COMMENTS AND
10 QUESTIONS. WE HAVE MADE SOME PROGRESS. AND THE J.J.C.C. NEARLY
11 UNANIMOUSLY, PERHAPS UNANIMOUSLY, ADOPTED THE PLAN. AND THAT'S
12 PROGRESS. HOWEVER, THERE WAS NEAR UNIVERSAL DISAGREEMENT ON
13 THE BUDGET, AND THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE TODAY. AND I THINK IF WE
14 CUT TO THE CHASE, LIKE, WHY IS THERE THIS DISAGREEMENT? I
15 THINK WE HAVE TO LOOK AT TWO NUMBERS THAT ARE IN THAT BUDGET.
16 ONE IS \$11.6 MILLION FOR SCHOOL-BASED PROBATION OFFICERS AT A
17 TIME WHEN PROBATION'S BUDGET CONTINUES TO GO UP, AND THEIR
18 CASELOADS ARE HALF OF WHAT THEY USED TO BE SEVERAL YEARS AGO.
19 AS COMMUNITY GROUPS, WE DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT. AND THEN WE
20 LOOK AT THIS HUGE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT THE COUNTY, WITHIN
21 PROBATION, CONTINUES TO HOLD ONTO THAT WE BELIEVE SHOULD BE
22 GETTING OUT. IT'S TREMENDOUSLY FRUSTRATING. THE OTHER NUMBER
23 THAT'S IN THERE IS \$6 MILLION FOR A TECHNOLOGY PROJECT THAT
24 WE, AS J.J.C.C. MEMBERS, JUST LEARNED ABOUT, THAT DOES NOT
25 SEEM VERY WELL-DEFINED OR VALIDATED, AND TO ME JUST REEKS OF

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1 TECHNOLOGY BOONDOGGLE, NOT SOMETHING THAT'S WELL CONCEIVED.
2 AND THEN I THINK THE REAL BOTTOM LINE MESSAGE FOR ME, AS
3 SOMEBODY WHO'S BEEN FOLLOWING THIS AND CONCERNED ABOUT THIS
4 ISSUE, IS, HOW DO WE SOLVE THIS, DAMN IT, TO PARAPHRASE
5 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** ONLY HE'S ALLOWED TO SAY THAT.

8

9 **MARCUS CASTAI:** BUT I CAN QUOTE HIM, RIGHT?

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** RIGHT.

12

13 **MARCUS CASTAI:** PROBATION IS NOT A GRANTMAKING ORGANIZATION.
14 THAT'S NOT WHAT THEY WERE INTENDED TO BE OR TO DO, AND THEY'RE
15 NOT STAFFED, AND THEY DON'T HAVE THE INFRASTRUCTURE TO
16 ACCOMPLISH THAT. THERE ARE A LOT OF ORGANIZATIONS IN THIS
17 TOWN, SOME IN GOVERNMENT, LIKE THE ARTS COMMISSION OR ON THE
18 CITY SIDE, LIKE G.R.I.D., THAT ARE EFFECTIVE AT DOING THAT.
19 PROBATION HAS NOT BEEN DESIGNED TO DO THAT, SO I DON'T THINK
20 WE SHOULD EXPECT THAT THEY'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO FIGURE OUT
21 HOW TO DO THIS ON THEIR OWN. THE PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP IS
22 VERY ENCOURAGING. WE COULD PUT A LOT MORE MONEY IN THERE AND
23 ASK THEM TO ALIGN IT WITH THE GOALS THAT HAVE BEEN LAID
24 FORWARD AND PUT FORWARD IN THE PLAN. THANK YOU.

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

2 YEAH, WHOSE ARE YOU? YEAH. WHO OWNS YOU? NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

3

4 **WALDO GONZALEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME
5 IS WALDO GONZALEZ, AND I'M HERE REPRESENTING INNERCITY
6 STRUGGLE, A COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION BASED IN THE EAST SIDE OF
7 LOS ANGELES. FOR 25 YEARS OUR ORGANIZATION HAS WORKED WITH
8 LOW-INCOME IMMIGRANT AND LATINO YOUTH AND FAMILIES TO BUILD
9 THEIR LEADERSHIP TO BE A POWERFUL VOICE FOR CHANGE IN THEIR
10 SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES. WE SUPPORT THE MOTION BROUGHT FORTH
11 TO EMPOWER THE JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL TO ALIGN
12 2019/2020 JUVENILE JUSTICE CRIME PREVENTION ACT FUNDS WITH THE
13 SPENDING PRIORITIES AND FRAMEWORK OF THE UPDATED COMPREHENSIVE
14 MULTIAGENCY JUVENILE JUSTICE PLAN. THE NEW SPENDING PLAN
15 CREATED BY THE J.J.C.C. POSITIVELY PRIORITIZES ADDED FUNDING
16 TO COMMUNITY-BASED YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INTERVENTIONS, WHICH
17 COULD SERVE AS A STRATEGIC SERVICE DELIVERY BEFORE YOUNG
18 PEOPLE HAVE CONTACT WITH THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM. WE AGREE
19 THAT MORE COUNTY RESOURCES SHOULD BE ALLOCATED TO SUPPORT
20 PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR YOUTH THAT SUPPORTS THEIR HEALTHY
21 AND HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT. LASTLY, ONGOING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
22 IS IMPORTANT, AND WE THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR
23 STRENGTHENING THE J.J.C.C. TO BE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTERED.
24 WE STAND READY TO HELP, AND URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THE MOTION
25 BEFORE YOU TODAY. THANK YOU.

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. HE'S YOURS. VERY GOOD. DID YOU
3 WANT TO ASK HIM ANYTHING WHILE HE'S HERE?

4

5 **SUP. SOLIS:** NO. I WANTED TO ASK A QUESTION. DO YOU, OFFHAND,
6 KNOW HOW MUCH FUNDING HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO YOUR
7 ORGANIZATION IN THIS ARENA FROM PROBATION, IF ANY? HAVE YOU
8 EVER RECEIVED-- NO?

9

10 **WALDO GONZALEZ:** YEAH, I'M NOT FAMILIAR TOO MUCH WITH THE EXACT
11 AMOUNT, IF ANY.

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS:** BUT YOU DO RECEIVE SOMETHING?

14

15 **WALDO GONZALEZ:** I'M NOT SURE. I'D NEED TO FOLLOW UP.

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS:** OKAY. THAT COULD BE PART OF THE PROBLEM. THANK
18 YOU.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT
21 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22

23 **DAVID TURNER:** ALL RIGHT. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DAVID
24 TURNER, AND I'M THE MANAGER OF THE BROTHERS, SONS, SELVES
25 COALITION. WE ARE A PROUD PARTNER OF THE YOUTH JUSTICE

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1 COALITION AND THE L.A. YOUTH UPRISING COALITION, AND I'M HAPPY
2 TO BE SPEAKING IN FRONT OF YOU TODAY. THE B.S.S. COALITION IS
3 PROUD TO SUPPORT THE MOTION TO EMPOWER THE JUVENILE JUSTICE
4 COORDINATING COUNCIL TO ALIGN J.J.C.P.A. FUNDS WITH SPENDING
5 PRIORITIES PRODUCED IN THE COMPREHENSIVE MULTIAGENCY JUVENILE
6 JUSTICE PLAN. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING REMINDS US THAT, QUOTE,
7 "PERHAPS IT IS EASY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NEVER FELT THE STINGING
8 DARTS OF SEGREGATION TO SAY, 'WAIT.'" HAVING WORKED IN
9 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS IN THE PAST, I CAN TELL YOU THAT
10 WE ARE OFTEN STARVED FOR FUNDING AND CAN REALLY USE THESE
11 RESOURCES. SOME ORGANIZATIONS HAVE HAD TO CUT FUNDING
12 IMPORTANT PROGRAMS, AND EVEN LAY OFF KEY STAFF. AS SOMEONE WHO
13 WAS DIRECTLY IMPACTED BY THIS, I CAN CERTAINLY TELL YOU THAT
14 WE CANNOT WAIT. J.J.C.C. IS MORE DIVERSE AND ROBUST THAN EVER.
15 AND BECAUSE OF THAT, I BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE SUPPORT
16 THIS PARTICULAR BODY, AS WELL AS COMMUNITY-BASED LEADERSHIP.
17 WITH THAT BEING SAID, RIGHT, WITH REGARDS TO THE REALLOCATION
18 OF FUNDS, THERE ARE EXISTING STRUCTURES IN PLACE THAT CAN BE
19 USED TO REDISTRIBUTE THESE FUNDS. IT ALREADY CAME UP EARLIER
20 THAT WE HAVE THE PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE LIBERTY
21 HILL FOUNDATION AND CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION. WE HAVE
22 THE OFFICE OF YOUTH DIVERSION AND DEVELOPMENT. YOU KNOW, WE
23 HAVE L.A. COUNTY'S MY BROTHER'S KEEPER INITIATIVE, RIGHT? WE
24 HAVE THESE DIFFERENT INITIATIVES, RIGHT, THAT CAN BE AVENUES
25 FOR THIS FUNDING, RIGHT, AND THEN CAN REALLOCATE THIS FUNDING

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1 TO COMMUNITY-BASED RESOURCES. WITH THIS BEING SAID, RIGHT, YOU
2 HAVE THE ABILITY TODAY TO BE ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF HISTORY AND
3 VOTE YES. WITH A YES VOTE, YOU'RE SAYING THAT YOU BELIEVE IN
4 COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP, YOU BELIEVE IN COMMUNITY ACCOUNTABILITY,
5 AND THAT YOU BELIEVE THAT WE ARE WORTH THE INVESTMENT. PLEASE
6 VOTE YES ON ITEM 14. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

9

10 **JOSHUA HAM:** HELLO, HELLO. OH, YOU WANT TO GO?

11

12 **SPEAKER:** NO, YOU GO AHEAD.

13

14 **JOSHUA HAM:** OKAY. YEAH, I'M GOING TO STAND UP HERE FOR A
15 MINUTE. MY NAME IS JOSHUA HAM. I WORK WITH DAVID TURNER, WITH
16 THE BROTHERS, SONS, SELVES COALITION, AND AM COORDINATOR FOR
17 THE BROTHERS, SONS, SELVES. I GUESS I JUST WANT TO TALK ABOUT
18 IMPORTANCE A LITTLE BIT. EVERYONE IS TALKING ABOUT FUNDING AND
19 DATA, AND EVERYTHING LIKE THAT. I JUST WANT US TO BE REAL AND
20 VERY CONTEXTUAL WHEN WE'RE UP HERE AND TALKING ABOUT RESOURCES
21 WHERE FUNDS SHOULD BE ALLOCATED. WE ALL KNOW THAT PROBATION
22 REALLY DOESN'T WORK. I MEAN, I'M FROM THE INNER CITY. I'M FROM
23 SOUTH CENTRAL LOS ANGELES, AND I'VE SEEN A LOT OF THESE
24 PROGRAMS THAT HAVE FAILED PEOPLE THAT LOOK LIKE ME AND MY
25 OTHER COUNTERPARTS. DEFINITELY, BEING A PART OF A COMMUNITY

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1 ORGANIZATION, I STARTED AT THE LIBERTY COMMUNITY STRATEGY
2 CENTER, THEN I FURTHER WENT ON TO COMMUNITY COALITION, WHICH
3 HELPED ME BECOME, I GUESS YOU CAN SAY, MAYBE A MODEL CITIZEN,
4 OR-- WELL, IT JUST GAVE ME ACCESS TO THINGS. THEY HELPED
5 SUPPORT ME. THEY GAVE ME STABILITY. OF COURSE, I WAS IN A
6 SINGLE PARENT HOUSEHOLD. OF COURSE, DAD WASN'T AROUND, AND
7 MOMS ALWAYS WORKED A LOT. AND MY BROTHER WAS INCARCERATED FOR
8 12 YEARS. JUST BASICALLY, MY BROTHER DIDN'T HAVE THOSE SUPPORT
9 SYSTEMS, AS WELL, AND I FEEL LIKE A LOT OF COMMUNITY
10 ORGANIZATIONS, OR HE WOULD HAVE BEEN A PART OF WHEN HE WOULD
11 HAVE ACCESSED MORE MENTORSHIPS IN HIS LIFE TO GIVE HIM AN
12 EQUAL OPPORTUNITY. PROBATION IS DEFINITELY-- YOU ARE GETTING
13 STUCK. MY BROTHER IS ON PROBATION. ANY LITTLE THING DO, YOU'RE
14 BEING PUSHED BACK INTO THE PRISON SYSTEM, BACK INTO THE
15 JUDICIAL SYSTEM. SO THESE SYSTEMS HAVE BEEN FAILING OUR PEOPLE
16 FOR DECADES, CENTURIES. SO I THINK IT'S TIME TO SWITCH IT UP
17 AND CHANGE THE MOMENTUM, AND JUST BASICALLY HAVE A NEW MODEL
18 FOR WHAT THE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS COULD DEFINITELY DO FOR
19 PEOPLE, AND PEOPLE OF COLOR THAT LOOK LIKE ME, AND MAKING SURE
20 THAT WE HAVE A FIGHTING CHANCE AND HAVE ACCESS TO THINGS AND
21 PROGRAMS THAT WE NEED. LIKE I SAID, I'VE BEEN HERE SEVERAL
22 TIMES BEFORE. WE CAN ALWAYS TALK ABOUT BUDGET, WE CAN ALWAYS
23 TALK ABOUT MONEY, BUT WHERE'S THE COMPASSION AND WHERE'S THE
24 LOVE? AND MAKING SURE, AS HUMAN BEINGS, THAT WE SUPPORT ONE
25 ANOTHER, AND KNOWING THAT PUSHING SOMEBODY'S BABY INTO JAIL

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1 BECAUSE THEY MADE A MISTAKE IS WRONG, AND KEEPING THEM IN
2 THESE PROGRAMS BECAUSE THEY MADE A MISTAKE IS WRONG, AND THIS
3 STUFF FOLLOWS THEM. SO IT'S TIME FOR CHANGE. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

6

7 **EMILY BLAKE:** GOOD AFTERNOON. IT'S A HARD ACT TO FOLLOW. GOOD
8 AFTERNOON, HONORABLE BOARD. MY NAME IS EMILY BLAKE, AND I AM
9 HERE REPRESENTING THE LOS ANGELES AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AS
10 THEIR SMART JUSTICE MANAGER. WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT THIS
11 MOTION. IT IS THE BOARD THAT ULTIMATELY HAS OVERSIGHT OVER THE
12 J.J.C.P.A. PLAN AND BUDGET, SO THE BOARD'S MOTION IS
13 APPROPRIATE AND VERY IMPORTANT. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT
14 THE J.J.C.C. HAS WORKED COLLABORATIVELY TO UPDATE THE PLAN
15 SINCE THE FIRST PLAN WAS ADOPTED IN 2001. THE J.J.C.C. IS MORE
16 DIVERSE AND SHOULD BE ENTRUSTED TO ALIGN THE BUDGET FURTHER
17 WITH THE PLAN. THE CHAMBER AND THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY SUPPORT
18 THE NEW PLAN ADOPTING A POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK
19 BASED ON RESEARCH, DATA, AND EVALUATIONS. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22

23 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** WELL, GOOD AFTERNOON. DR. GENEVIEVE
24 CLAVREUL. I SUPPORT THIS MOTION, BUT, YOU KNOW, I AM PUZZLED
25 THAT THERE COULD BE \$79 MILLION UNSPENT, WHEN OTHER NONPROFITS

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1 ARE DOING THE WORK AND NOT BEING PAID. AND WE HAVE THE SAME
2 ISSUE WITH L.A.H.S.A. I THINK WE NEED TO START REALLY LOOKING
3 AT HOW THE MONIES ARE SPENT WHEN THEY ARE ALLOCATED, BECAUSE
4 THAT'S TOTALLY UNFAIR, NOT TO BE ABLE TO PRODUCE. WHEN WE FIND
5 OUT THAT INMATES DON'T GET ANY MEDICATION, AND SO ON,
6 SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH THAT PICTURE. AND WE GO THROUGH THAT
7 ALMOST EVERY WEEK, SO PLEASE MAKE IT HAPPEN. SPEND THAT MONEY.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

10

11 **HERMAN AVILEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR LETTING
12 ME SPEAK. MY NAME IS HERMAN AVILEZ. I AM THE ALUMNI DIRECTOR
13 FOR INSIDE O.U.T. WRITERS. WE ARE LOCATED IN HOLLYWOOD, AND I
14 HAVE 10 YEARS OF INCARCERATION. BACK IN 2010, I WAS STANDING
15 OVER HERE ON THIS LEFT-HAND SIDE WHEN THEY USED TO HAVE
16 SPEAKER CARDS. AND I WAS ADDRESSING THE BOARD REGARDING A.B.
17 109, TRYING TO GET SOME OF THOSE SERVICES TO US, BECAUSE IT
18 WAS DELEGATED TO TWO AGENCIES, ONE OF THEM BEING THE ONES THAT
19 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT NOW: THE SHERIFF AND PROBATION. WE WERE
20 THE AGENCIES THAT WERE OUT THERE ON THE GROUND, TRYING TO DO
21 STUFF THAT WE THOUGHT WAS, YOU KNOW, IMPACTFUL. BUT
22 UNFORTUNATELY, WE DIDN'T GET ANY OF THAT MONEY. BUT TODAY,
23 LET'S BRING IT UP TO 2019. TODAY YOU CELEBRATED FLINTRIDGE
24 CENTER. FLINTRIDGE CENTER WAS ONE OF THE AGENCIES THAT WAS
25 HERE ASKING FOR MONEY THAT DAY. I'M PART OF FLINTRIDGE. I WAS

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1 PART OF PASADENA. THE CHIEF OF POLICE, HE WAS A COMMANDER BACK
2 THERE. COMMANDER PEREZ WAS A BIG PART OF US KEEPING IT
3 TOGETHER IN PASADENA. PAROLE DIDN'T WANT TO DO THE MEETINGS
4 ANYMORE. WE SAID, "WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO TO MAKE AN IMPACT
5 IN THIS COMMUNITY?" IT WAS COMMANDER PEREZ, DEPUTY CHIEF
6 QUALLS. WE SAID, "YOU KNOW WHAT? WE ARE GOING TO STICK
7 TOGETHER. WE'RE GOING TO DO THIS THING AS A COMMUNITY. WE'RE
8 GOING TO MAKE IT MORE COMMUNITY-FRIENDLY. IT'S NOT GOING TO BE
9 RUN BY THE POLICE." AND YOU KNOW WHAT? AND YOU CELEBRATED THAT
10 TODAY. THAT'S WHAT'S SO IRONIC, THAT I SEEN THE CHIEF HERE
11 TODAY. I WENT UP TO HIM, BECAUSE JIMMY WAS TELLING ME, "HEY,
12 GO UP THERE AND SAY HELLO TO HIM," AND I DID. HE'S ALWAYS
13 BEEN, YOU KNOW, A BIG PART OF MY LIFE. SO, YOU KNOW WHAT?
14 TODAY WE TALKED ABOUT CESAR CHAVEZ. I THINK IF CESAR CHAVEZ
15 WERE HERE TODAY, HE WOULD ADVOCATE AND TELL ME, "YOU KNOW
16 WHAT, HERMAN? YOU KNOW WHAT? WHAT YOU'RE DOING, THE IN-REACH,
17 WITH THE STUFF YOU'RE DOING FOR REINTEGRATION AND ALL THAT,
18 CONTINUE TO DO THAT, BROTHER. CONTINUE TO DO THAT, BECAUSE I
19 SUPPORT WHAT YOU'RE DOING." AND I THINK DOWN HERE AT THE
20 GROUND LEVEL, THE COMMUNITY NEEDS TO GET OFF AND DO WHAT WE DO
21 BEST, AND THAT IS PROVIDE SERVICES. AND THANK YOU FOR ALL THE
22 STUFF YOU SUPPORTED ME IN ALL THESE YEARS, OKAY? I REALLY
23 APPRECIATE THAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

24

25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1

2 **ADRIANA MENDEZ:** HELLO. MY NAME IS ADRIANA MENDEZ. I'M
3 REPRESENTING THE COALITION FOR ENGAGED EDUCATION. AND I JUST,
4 AGAIN, JUST WANT TO HIGHLIGHT HOW THE BUDGET ALLOCATES 11
5 MILLION TO SCHOOL-BASED PROBATION SUPERVISION, AND HOW IT'S
6 INCONSISTENT WITH THE SPENDING PLAN, WHICH IS PRIORITIZING
7 COMMUNITY-BASED PREVENTION SERVICES, AND HOW THE FOCUS SHOULD
8 SHIFT TO ALLOCATING THOSE FUNDS TO NONPROFIT ORGS LIKE OURS,
9 LIKE INSIDE O.U.T. WRITERS, WHO CAN MEET THE STUDENTS IN THEIR
10 COMMUNITIES, MEET THE STUDENTS IN THEIR SCHOOLS, AND PROVIDE
11 THE SERVICES THAT THEY NEED. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

14

15 **MEGHAN BEST:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MEGHAN BEST. I
16 WORK AT THE CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND, BUT TODAY I'M SPEAKING IN
17 MY CAPACITY AS A JUVENILE DEFENSE ATTORNEY. I RECOGNIZE THE
18 VALUE OF THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT, SPECIFICALLY IN THE
19 RESPONSIBLE AND CARING PROBATION OFFICER ASSIGNED TO MY 17-
20 YEAR-OLD CLIENT. HOWEVER, AS VALUABLE AS HE MAY BE IN HIS
21 ABILITY TO CONNECT MY CLIENT WITH SUPPORT PROGRAMS, HE SHOULD
22 NOT BE PAID BY J.J.C.P.A. FUNDS. RATHER, J.J.C.P.A. FUNDS
23 SHOULD BE ALLOCATED TO THOSE ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE THE
24 PROGRAMMING, FROM COGNITIVE BEHAVIOR THERAPY TO MUSIC
25 ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS. THESE ARE THE TYPES OF COMMUNITY-BASED

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1 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS ALREADY IN EXISTENCE, AND DESCRIBED
2 AND UPLIFTED IN THE NEW C.M.J.J.P. THE BUDGET SHOULD REFLECT
3 THESE INTENDED INVESTMENTS, AND THE J.J.C.C. CAN MAKE THIS
4 THIS HAPPEN IN THE ALLOTTED TIME PERIOD. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

7

8 **IVETTE ALE:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS IVETTE ALE. I'M THE
9 STATEWIDE CO-COORDINATOR OF CALIFORNIANS UNITED FOR A
10 RESPONSIBLE BUDGET, AND THE JUSTICE L.A. COALITION. FOR THE
11 ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE NOW OVER 80 ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE PART
12 OF OUR COALITION, MANY OF WHOM PROVIDE DIRECT SERVICES TO OUR
13 COMMUNITY, ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION,
14 THAT PROVIDE EFFECTIVE YOUTH SERVICES, THEY ARE FINDING IT
15 VERY DIFFICULT TO ACQUIRE FUNDING FROM THE COUNTY BECAUSE OF
16 ALL THE RED TAPE. MEANWHILE, PROBATION IS MONOPOLIZING THE
17 FUNDS THAT THE COUNTY HAS, LIKE THE PREVIOUS GENTLEMAN TALKED
18 ABOUT PROP 47 FUNDING, LIKE A.B. 109 FUNDING, WHICH GOES
19 DISPROPORTIONATELY TO THE SHERIFFS AND PROBATION, WHILE OUR
20 COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES ARE DOING EFFECTIVE WORK ON VERY
21 LITTLE BUDGETS. AND SO WHEN WE THINK ABOUT THE BUDGET THAT YOU
22 HAVE IN YOUR HANDS RIGHT NOW, IT'S AN IMAGINED FUTURE. THE
23 FACT THAT SHERIFFS AND PROBATION HAVE SO MUCH MONEY COMPARED
24 TO OUR COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES IS BECAUSE AT ONE POINT, A
25 BOARD MUCH LIKE THIS ONE DECIDED TO INVEST IN CRIMINALIZING

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1 OUR YOUTH IN PROBATION, IN SHERIFF, RATHER THAN BUILDING UP
2 THE COMMUNITY-BASED SUPPORT THAT CAN ACTUALLY LEAD TO
3 RECIDIVISM, THAT COULD ACTUALLY LEAD TO BREAKING THE CYCLES OF
4 INCARCERATION FOR YOUTH LIKE MYSELF, WHO GREW UP WITH
5 INCARCERATED PARENTS, THAT GREW UP IN IMPOVERISHED
6 COMMUNITIES. IF WE'RE ABLE TO PROPERLY INVEST IN OUR
7 COMMUNITIES, WE WILL BE MORE EFFECTIVE IN PROVIDING THE
8 SERVICES THAT OUR COMMUNITIES NEED. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

11

12 **EUNISSES HERNANDEZ:** HI. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS EUNISSES
13 HERNANDEZ. I'M THE L.A. CAMPAIGN COORDINATOR FOR JUST
14 LEADERSHIP U.S.A. I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR PUTTING THIS
15 MOTION TOGETHER, BUT I THINK THAT, LIKE SOMEONE MENTIONED
16 EARLIER, WE ARE AT A REALLY CRITICAL POINT WHERE YOU CAN
17 DECIDE TO MOVE TRADITIONALLY WITH THE BUDGETS YOU HAVE BEEN,
18 AS REFLECTED BY A.B. 109 OR OTHERS, OR YOU CAN DO SOMETHING
19 DIFFERENT. AND INSTEAD OF FUNDING THE ENTRENCHMENT OF
20 PROBATION IN OUR SCHOOLS, WE REALLY NEED TO BUILD UP THIS
21 CAPACITY IN OUR COMMUNITY. IN ALL THE CONVERSATIONS THAT WE'VE
22 HAD WITH YOUR OFFICES AND YOUR STAFF, THE QUESTION IS TO US.
23 SO IDENTIFY THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE CAPABLE OF DOING THIS
24 WORK IN THE COMMUNITY. AND WE HAVE THE LIST OF PEOPLE, BUT
25 THEY'RE DOING IT BY THEIR NAILS. THEY HARDLY HAVE ANY FUNDING.

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1 AND FOR DECADES, MOST OF THE MONEY HAS GONE INTO BUILDING THIS
2 INFRASTRUCTURE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND INCARCERATION. THE SAME
3 INVESTMENT NEEDS TO BE MADE IN THE COMMUNITY-BASED
4 ORGANIZATIONS, AND IT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN ONE DAY TO
5 ANOTHER. IT'S GOING TO TAKE TIME. BUT WE NEED TO DO IT RIGHT
6 IF WE REALLY ARE GOING TO MOVE AWAY FROM DECARCERATION, IF
7 WE'RE GOING TO MOVE AWAY FROM NOT BUILDING A MENTAL ASYLUM IN
8 DOWNTOWN L.A. IF WE'RE REALLY GOING TO DO THOSE THINGS AND
9 DECARCERATE, THEN WE NEED TO INVEST IN COMMUNITY-BASED
10 RESOURCES. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

13

14 **LEX STEPPLING:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS LEX STEPPLING. I'M
15 THE DIRECTOR OF CAMPAIGNS AND POLICY AT DIGNITY AND POWER NOW.
16 THERE'S CLEARLY A THEME HERE, AND IT'S BEING ARTICULATED
17 CLEARLY, IT'S IN PLAN SIGHT, AND I'M HAPPY AND HONORED TO BE
18 ABLE TO REAFFIRM WHAT WE ALREADY KNOW, WHICH IS THAT THE
19 PARADIGM SHIFT AWAY FROM LONG-STANDING AND FAILED INSTITUTIONS
20 INTO COMMUNITY-BASED SOLUTIONS THAT ARE VETTED, AND THAT WORK,
21 AND THAT SIMPLY NEED A SCALING-UP IS SEEMING TO BE AN ANSWER.
22 AND OFTENTIMES IN THIS WORK, WE LOOK FOR THE ANSWERS, AND IT'S
23 EXCITING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO REIMAGINE SYSTEMS AND PLACE
24 RESOURCES WHERE THEY CAN BE UTILIZED EFFECTIVELY. AND IT'S
25 ESPECIALLY LUXURIOUS WHEN IT'S NOT COMPLICATED. AND BECAUSE

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1 IT'S NOT COMPLICATED. AND BECAUSE YOU HAVE THE ASSISTANCE OF A
2 ROBUST AND INFORMED SELF-MADE INFRASTRUCTURE OF ADVOCACY AND
3 ORGANIZING TO HELP YOU SEE YOUR WAY TO THOSE SOLUTIONS, IT'S
4 EVEN MORE COMPLETE. SO LET US HELP YOU TO HELP US TO HELP OUR
5 COMMUNITIES, AND CREATE A NEXT GENERATION OF WHERE PEOPLE LIKE
6 US, WHO HAD OUR PARENTS LOCKED UP, AND NOW WE HAVE TO COME AND
7 CLEAN UP THESE MESSSES, WHERE THOSE YOUTH CAN INSTEAD, IN THE
8 FUTURE, DEVOTE THAT ENERGY AND THAT CREATIVITY TO CREATION,
9 RATHER THAN THE DISMANTLING OF THE SYSTEMS THAT SEPARATED OUR
10 FAMILIES.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

13

14 **ANTHONY ROBLES:** HELLO. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME'S ANTHONY
15 ROBLES. I'M WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION, AND I WOULD JUST
16 SAY THAT SINCE ABOUT 2007, PROBATION'S BUDGET HAS INCREASED BY
17 ABOUT \$500 MILLION, AND IT'S GONE OVER A BILLION DOLLARS.
18 PROBATION GETS OVER A BILLION DOLLARS TO PERFORM QUOTE/UNQUOTE
19 "SERVICES IN A COMMUNITY," WHILE COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS
20 GET PENNIES ON THE DOLLAR COMPARED TO THAT. SO THE FACT THAT
21 ANY MONEY FROM J.J.C.P.A. FUNDS IS GOING TO PROBATION IS
22 RIDICULOUS. 100 PERCENT OF J.J.C.P.A. FUNDS SHOULD BE GOING TO
23 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, TO PROVIDE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
24 SERVICES, AS OUTLINED IN THE NEW J.J.C.C. PLAN. AND THE
25 J.J.C.P.A. BUDGET FUNDS SHOULD ALIGN WITH THE PLAN, AND ALL OF

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1 IT SHOULD BE GOING TO YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SERVICES IN THE
2 COMMUNITY. LASTLY, I WOULD JUST SAY THAT-- [AUDIENCE
3 DISTURBANCE.] SORRY. LASTLY, I'LL JUST SAY THAT... OH, THERE'S
4 AN AUDIT BEING WORKED ON AT THE STATE LEVEL, AND IF IT GOES
5 THROUGH, SEVERAL COUNTIES' J.J.C.P.A. SPENDING PLANS, AND
6 WHERE THE FUNDS HAVE BEEN GOING, WILL BE LOOKED AT. AND IF WE
7 ALIGN OUR J.J.C.P.A. FUNDS WITH THE PLAN THAT WE HAVE NOW, THE
8 NEW PLAN THAT WE HAVE NOW, L.A. WILL BE A MODEL FOR THE REST
9 OF THE STATE, SEEING THAT OUR MONEY WILL BE GOING TO YOUTH
10 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES IN THE COMMUNITY, AND IT SHOULD BE 100
11 PERCENT OF THAT. SO WE COULD BE A MODEL FOR THE STATE, AND,
12 YOU KNOW, GET A LITTLE PAT ON THE BACK FROM SACRAMENTO, AND
13 GET SOME MORE OF THAT MONEY FROM THE STATE. SO THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

16

17 **KENT MENDOZA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU,
18 SUPERVISOR HAHN AND MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, FOR PUTTING THIS
19 MOTION FORWARD. I AM KENT MENDOZA, WITH THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM
20 COALITION. I'M ALSO A MEMBER OF THE J.J.C.C. COMMITTEE, ONE OF
21 THE AT-LARGE COMMITTEE MEMBERS, AND I'M IN STRONG SUPPORT OF
22 THIS MOTION. AS A MEMBER THAT VOTED TO APPROVE THE PLAN, THE
23 C.M.J.J.P. PLAN, AND OPPOSED THE BUDGET, I FEEL LIKE WE REALLY
24 NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS BUDGET DOES REFLECT THE AREAS THAT
25 REALLY NEED TO BE ADDRESSED. I THINK IT'S BEEN WAY TOO LONG,

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1 WAY TOO MANY YEARS, WAY TOO MANY LIVES OF YOUTH WHO HAVE BEEN,
2 YOU KNOW, PUT INTO THE SYSTEM. AND NOW SOME OF THESE GUYS,
3 UNFORTUNATELY, ARE ALREADY GROWN MEN. THEY HAVEN'T BEEN
4 GROWING UP IN THE SYSTEM, BECAUSE THERE WAS NEVER PEOPLE LIKE
5 MYSELF, PEOPLE LIKE THE PEOPLE THAT SPOKE, INVOLVED IN THIS
6 COMMITTEE, OR JUST BEING ABLE TO VOICE WHAT WE REALLY
7 UNDERSTAND TO BE THE SOLUTION. I JUST REALLY HOPE THAT, YOU
8 KNOW, WE REALLY REALLOCATE THIS MONEY WHERE IT REALLY DOES
9 BELONG. I REITERATE ANTHONY ROBLES. 100 PERCENT OF THIS MONEY
10 NEEDS TO JUST GO TO COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS. A LOT OF
11 ORGANIZATIONS ARE DOING AMAZING WORK, AND THEY'RE DOING IT
12 WITH A SMALL, LITTLE BUDGET. IMAGINE HOW MUCH MORE IMPACT THEY
13 WILL HAVE AND HOW MUCH MORE POLICY CHANGE, HOW MUCH LIVES THEY
14 CAN SAVE, HOW MUCH MORE SAVINGS CAN BE SAVED FROM TAXPAYER
15 MONEY, HOW MUCH MORE WE CAN REFORM AND CREATE A BETTER L.A. IF
16 WE WERE TO PROVIDE MORE FUNDING TO ALL THE C.B.O.S THAT
17 LITERALLY ARE STRUGGLING EVERY SINGLE DAY TO PASS SOMETHING
18 THAT IS JUST RIGHT. SO I THINK THAT IT'S ALREADY WAY TOO LATE
19 TO BE TALKING ABOUT THIS. WE SHOULD HAVE BEEN DOING THIS, AND
20 IT'S ABOUT TIME THAT WE DO SOMETHING, AND THE TIME IS NOW, AND
21 LET'S BE THE MODEL OF THE COUNTRY. LET'S END YOUTH
22 INCARCERATION IN L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

25

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1 **JUAN MORALES:** HELLO. MY NAME IS JUAN MORALES, AND I AM A
2 MEMBER OF THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION, AND ALSO A MEMBER OF
3 L.A. YOUTH UPRISING COALITION. AND, WHILE I'D LIKE TO THANK
4 THE BOARD MEMBERS HAHN AND RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR INTRODUCING THIS
5 MOTION, I'D LIKE TO START OFF BY SAYING THAT THE BOARD HAS
6 ENTRUSTED J.J.C. WITH COMING UP WITH THE PLAN, BUT IT SEEMS
7 LIKE THE BALL HAS BEEN DROPPED TO TAKE THIS HYPOTHETICAL PLAN
8 INTO REALITY. AND WITH THAT BEING SAID, I'D LIKE TO TAKE
9 SOMETHING OUT OF MY LIVED EXPERIENCE AND TALK ABOUT SOMETHING
10 REAL, TO SORT OF ADDRESS THE ISSUE. I'D LIKE TO JUST SAY THAT
11 IT'S INTERESTING THAT TRANSLATION APPLICATION HAS CAUSED AN
12 UPRISING IN AEROSPACE AND COMPUTER SCIENCE. I MENTION THIS
13 BECAUSE MY LIVED EXPERIENCE, AS I CONTINUE TO STUDY
14 BIOCHEMISTRY, OPPOSED TO A PREVIOUS ONE WITH EXPOSURE TO
15 INCARCERATION AND WHILE LIVING IN THE INNER CITY. I'D LIKE TO
16 SPEAK ON DIVERSIFICATION IN INSTITUTIONS AND THE LARGE EFFORT
17 THAT THESE INSTITUTIONS PURSUE IT, BECAUSE OF THE LIVED
18 EXPERIENCE PEOPLE HAVE THAT ALLOWS THEM TO HAVE THIS UNIQUE
19 PERSPECTIVE. AND SO IT ALSO LEADS TO NOVEL IDEAS, AND THE
20 BOARD HAS A COMMITTEE THAT IS DIVERSIFIED. SO I ASK YOU HERE
21 TODAY TO ALLOW THEM TO CAUSE REAL CHANGE. AND IT'S NOT JUST
22 THROUGH THE LIVED EXPERIENCE, BUT WHAT THEY BRING TO THE TABLE
23 IS SOLID DATA. I WILL TIE THIS TO MY EXPERIENCE IN MIDDLE
24 SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL, WHERE I HAD TO PASS THE SAME MATH
25 CLASS FIVE TIMES, BUT I FIND IT MORE STRANGE THAT I COULDN'T

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1 GET INTO AN ART OR MUSIC CLASS. AND, WELL, I REJECTED SCHOOL.
2 AND A DECADE LATER, I FINALLY WENT BACK, AND NOW I FIND MYSELF
3 AT ONE OF THE GREATEST INSTITUTIONS IN THE WORLD AFTER I WAS
4 ABLE TO FIND SOME PEACE AND STABILITY IN MY LIFE. AND SO
5 CHILDREN NEED A SAFE SPACE. SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES DON'T
6 ALWAYS OFFER THAT. AND, WELL, THAT SPEAKS TO THE FACT THAT
7 WHAT HAS BEEN DONE HASN'T WORKED. AND, WELL, LET'S START
8 EARMARKING INEFFECTIVE STRATEGY AND DEVELOP NEW ONES.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

11

12 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD
13 DISTRICT, AND, YOU KNOW, THIS IS HEARTBREAKING, OBVIOUSLY. AND
14 I DON'T KNOW IF I BELIEVE THAT THE \$79 MILLION IS A REAL
15 NUMBER. IF IT IS, FOR THE RECORD, A YEAR, IF WE SPENT THAT
16 MONEY OVER THE COURSE OF THE NEXT YEAR, THAT WOULD BE \$200,000
17 A DAY THAT WE WOULD BE PUSHING OUT THE DOOR. SO, WE MIGHT WANT
18 TO THINK ABOUT HOW WE WANT TO DO THAT MORE CAREFULLY THAN JUST
19 DOING IT IMMEDIATELY. BUT I DO THINK THAT GOING AWAY FROM
20 CRIMINALIZING YOUTH AND, YOU KNOW, INFORMING OURSELVES WITH
21 ALL OF THE INFORMATION WE HAVE ABOUT HOW TO FIGHT RECIDIVISM
22 BY THESE COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS IS THE RIGHT ANSWER.
23 BUT IN THE INTERIM, HOW CAN WE GET THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, IN
24 SOME WAY, TO BE RECOGNIZED FOR ALL OF HIS WORK? I HAVE NEVER
25 SEEN A MAN WHO HAS DONE MORE THAN JOIN NAIMO, AND I WOULD LIKE

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1 TO CALL THE COUNTY TO HAVE A DAY OFF IN HONOR OF JOHN NAIMO.
2 AND THEN RIGHT AFTER THAT, HE COULD PROVIDE, AT THE \$2100 THAT
3 I HOPE C.E.O. HAMAI WILL COVER, THE ACTUAL, FOR WHEN WE DID IT
4 FOR GEORGE H. W. BUSH. IT'S JUST INAPPROPRIATE TO HAVE ALL
5 THIS PONTIFICATING ABOUT FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY WHEN WE
6 CAN'T GET A STRAIGHT ANSWER, MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** WELL, I JUST REALLY WOULD LIKE TO COMMEND THESE YOUNG
11 HISPANIC AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN YOUNG MEN. I'M FROM INGLEWOOD,
12 AS WELL. AND I'D LIKE TO SEE, AS PER THEIR ADVISEMENT, THE
13 MONEY TO BE REINVESTED IN THE COMMUNITY, NOT IN MAINTENANCE OR
14 IN PROLIFERATION OR CREATION OF THIS POLICE STATE UNDER
15 MARTIAL LAW, WHICH ENCOURAGES THE RECIDIVISM OF ESPECIALLY
16 YOUNG BLACK AND LATINO YOUTH, BECAUSE IT IS AN INDUSTRY,
17 PRISON INDUSTRY, EVEN AT THE JUVENILE LEVEL, OF COURSE, IN
18 MAINTENANCE OF THE STATUS QUO, WHITE SUPREMACY, OR THIS CLASS
19 SYSTEM, WHICH IS VERY REAL IN THIS REPUBLIC. YOU CAN REVIEW A
20 BOOK WHICH I READ AT U.C.L.A., WHEN I WAS GOING TO SCHOOL AT
21 U.C.L.A., CALLED "SCHOOLING IN CAPITALIST AMERICA." OKAY, IT'S
22 SO DEEPLY ROOTED IN THIS WHITE SUPREMACIST SYSTEM AND THE
23 CLASS SYSTEM AND MAINTENANCE. SO YOU HAVE TO KEEP BLACK
24 PEOPLE, PEOPLE OF COLOR, IN CRIME, IN THE DEPARTMENT OF
25 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM, AND MOST

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1 OF THOSE CHILDREN, OF COURSE, STAY IN THE SYSTEM, EITHER IN
2 PRISONS OR IN SOME OTHER AGENCIES WHERE THEY ARE SUBJUGATED.
3 AND AGAIN, THIS JUST CONTINUES IN THAT SAME CYCLE. ALSO, I'D
4 LIKE TO EXPOSE HOW THIS NEW AGE TECHNOLOGY IS USED TO MAINTAIN
5 THIS CLASS SYSTEM: THE MICROCHIPPING, THE USES OF ELECTRONIC
6 WEAPONRY, SUBLIMINAL PROGRAMMING, AND PROGRAMMING. HYPNOSIS IS
7 USED. ALSO, PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATION BEING USED, SO THAT PEOPLE
8 DON'T KNOW THAT THEY ARE BEING ENCOURAGED AND EVEN PROGRAMMED
9 TO COMMIT CRIMES, AS AFRICAN AND AFRICAN-AMERICANS ARE MORE
10 SENSITIVE, AND THERE ARE EXPOSES OF THIS SUBLIMINAL MIND
11 CONTROL METHOD USED BY THE MILITARY AND PARAMILITARY IN
12 ESPECIALLY BLACK NEIGHBORHOODS. I WAS ONE, MYSELF. AND
13 COVERING IT UP, THEY CANNOT. I'M ONE SURVIVOR. SO MOST PEOPLE
14 ARE NOT AWARE AT THE LEVEL THAT THEY ARE PROGRAMMED
15 SUBLIMINALLY TO REACT OR RESPOND VIOLENTLY, AND THE GOVERNMENT
16 IS BANKING ON THIS.

17
18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

19
20 **HERMAN HERMAN:** SO WHERE'S JON? WHERE'S JON, OF M.H.S.A.? WHAT
21 DID RIDLEY-THOMAS SAY ABOUT BEST PRACTICE? I'M AN EXAMPLE OF
22 BEST PRACTICE, BECAUSE, SEE, I CONTEND MYSELF WITH THE CITY
23 ATTORNEY, BECAUSE WE'RE BOTH EQUAL. I'M NOT THE ONE STEALING
24 PUBLIC FUNDS THROUGH FEES. I'M THE ONE EXERCISING MY FIRST
25 AMENDMENT AND MY PRACTICAL RIGHT UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ARTICLE

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1 TITLED BLAH, BLAH, BLAH, SEE? I CAN'T FILL YOU WITH ALL THE
2 RULES AND REGULATIONS, BUT YOU'RE GOING TO LEARN THEM. SEE,
3 WHEN I DID MY TIME, I DIDN'T GO, "MOMMY!" I SAID, "HEY, FIVE
4 NIGHTS? KICK IT, BRO." BUT THEN I GOT OFFENDED WHEN THIS FOOL
5 COMES INTO THE CELL AND SAYS, "I GOT TO SWAB YOU." I SAID,
6 "WHAT DO YOU GOT TO SWAB?" HE SAYS, "OPEN UP YOUR MOUTH." I
7 SAID, "YOU AIN'T STICKING THAT WHITE [EXPLETIVE] IN MY MOUTH."
8 AND HE GOES, "YES, I AM." AND I SAID, "WELL, LET ME TELL YOU
9 SOMETHING ABOUT SITTING ON A TON OF MONEY, FOOL." SITTING ON A
10 TON OF MONEY. A TON OF MONEY DOESN'T GO ANYWHERE UNLESS YOU
11 KNOW HOW TO USE IT UNDER PROGRAMS, SERVICE, AND ACTIVITY.
12 INSTEAD, THEY WASTE THEIR MONEY CONFINING YOU TO A CELL OR
13 DOING TIME, WHILE THE ATTORNEYS LIVE FAT OFF OF YOUR TIME.
14 INSTEAD OF PUTTING US INTO COLLEGE AND SCHOOLS AND REFORMING
15 US TO SOCIETY, WE MAKE US INTO FOOLS. JUST LIKE THE BOYS FROM
16 COMPTON WOULD SAY, "N.W.A. IS OUR STYLE." WE'RE HERE TO
17 PROTEST AND DEFEND OUR RIGHT, JUST AS YOU HEARD IN PUBLIC
18 TESTIMONY. SO ON BEHALF OF EVERYONE IN PUBLIC TESTIMONY, AND
19 TO THE [EXPLETIVE] WHO DON'T LISTEN, PAY ATTENTION. N.W.A.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** TIME'S UP. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. PLEASE!
22 PLEASE.

23

24 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** GEORGE BUZZETTI. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU REALLY
25 WANT TO SAY THAT, WITH WHAT I'M GOING TO SAY, AS USUAL. I ONLY

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1 HAVE ONE MINUTE, OKAY? SO LET'S GET YOUR TIME TOGETHER. AS
2 TYPICAL, YOU PEOPLE CAN'T KEEP NOTHING TOGETHER, SO NOW YOU'RE
3 EATING UP MY TIME, CORRECTING YOU.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. OH, STOP, STOP, STOP, STOP. OKAY.
6 WAIT. HOLD ON. ONE MINUTE. THERE YOU GO. ONE MINUTE.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. NOW WE'LL BE COOL.

9

10 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

11

12 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** NOW, WHEN I LISTEN TO YOUR PROBATION
13 DEPARTMENT AND YOUR MICKEY-MOUSE AUDITOR, THE GUY CAN'T RUN
14 MONEY. YOUR PROBATION DEPARTMENT HAS ALLOWED 1.2 MILLION
15 PEOPLE TO BE ILLEGALLY PROSECUTED BY THE D.A. FOR MISDEMEANORS
16 COMMITTED IN THE CITY OF L.A., STUPID PEOPLE. SHE'S GOING TO
17 JAIL. DID ANYBODY WATCH THE C.N.N. SPECIAL THE OTHER NIGHT ON
18 STRESS? WELL, DAMN, YOU BETTER WATCH IT, BECAUSE IN FIVE DAYS,
19 I HAD TWO PEOPLE CALL ME WITH SUICIDES CAUSED BY YOUR FRIENDS.
20 NOW, IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU START TAKING CARE OF OUR YOUTH,
21 BECAUSE 150,000 IN L.A. UNIFIED DON'T COME TO SCHOOL EVERY
22 DAY. I GAVE YOU THE SPREADSHEET THAT INCLUDED OTHER SCHOOL
23 DISTRICTS. UNTIL YOU GET THOSE KIDS OUT OF SCHOOL AND YOU GET
24 RID OF DR. SHERIN AND HIS CRIMINAL GAME, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE
25 TROUBLES.

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

3

4 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YAY! OKAY. GO AHEAD. YES, SO THIS IS PUPPET
5 THE PIG. [SNORTS.] AND DID YOU SEE THE MIGHTY HAS RETURNED
6 AGAIN? CANNOT BE SEEN ON SCREEN.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** MAKE SURE THE PIG STAYS ON POINT.

9

10 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YES, I'M TRYING TO, YES. WE ARE FINDING OUT
11 THAT THERE'S COUNTY FAMILY HAS BEEN HOARDING MONEY LIKE PIGS.
12 [SNORTS.] YES, THEY HAVE NOT BEEN SPENDING IT IN THE COMMUNITY
13 EVERY YEAR. 30 MILLION, 30 MILLION, 30 MILLION, YES. THEY'VE
14 BEEN HOARDING IT. WHERE HAVE THEY BEEN PUTTING IT? THEY TRY TO
15 HOARD IT, PACK IT, STACK, IT, STEAL IT, AND TAKE IT AWAY TO
16 CHINA. BUT JANICE HAHN FOUND THE MONEY! PSYCH! YES. THAT'S
17 RIGHT. PSYCH. SO NOW YOU ARE ALL NERVOUS, SCARED, INCLUDING
18 MARY WICKHAM IS OUT OF HER MIND. HOW DID JANICE HAHN FIND THE
19 SECRET SLUSH FUND? IT'S BECAUSE JANICE HAHN WAS TRAINED IN
20 WASHINGTON, D.C., UNDER THE TUTELAGE OF THE GREAT NANCY
21 PELOSI, THE MASTERMIND. NANCY PELOSI IS MY SAVIOR.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** STAY ON THE ITEM, MR. PIG.

24

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1 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YES, I KNOW, BUT THIS IS HOW YOU FIND STOLEN
2 AND SECRET MONEY FUNDS. YOU CAME BACK HERE TO DELIVER US THE
3 MONEY-- HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS THAT JANICE HAHN WILL
4 FIND. HILDA SOLIS FOUND ANOTHER 100 MILLION. BUT WHAT
5 HAPPENED? WELL, SHE DECIDED TO PLAY BULL WITH MARK RIDLEY-
6 THOMAS, SO SHE HID THE MONEY. [CHUCKLES.] BUT NOW TODAY IS A
7 NEW DAY. WE WILL RELEASE \$30 MILLION, AND WE WILL HAVE
8 STARBUCKS GIFT CARDS AND ALL KINDS OF GIFT CARDS AIR-DROPPED
9 INTO THE FOURTH AND FIFTH DISTRICT, ONLY BECAUSE KATHRYN
10 BARGER GOT IN ON THIS. THE REST OF YOU, NO MONEY FOR YOU.
11 SUPPORT THE MOTION, AND GOD BLESS THE HAHN. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WE'RE GOING TO BRING HOME THE BACON IF YOU
14 DON'T WATCH OUT. [LAUGHTER.] OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

15

16 **RED CHIEF HUNT:** THE RED CHIEF HUNT. I GUESS WE ALL DO NEED A
17 GOOD LAUGH. I WANT TO SAY IN '92, RIGHT AFTER THE RIOTS, WE
18 STARTED THE YOUTH ACTIVITY LEAGUE AT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.
19 AND AT THAT TIME, THE D.O.J. WAS FUNDING US TO HELP THE YOUTH.
20 IT'S A LOT OF GOOD PROGRAMS OUT THERE, AND I WANT TO SEE THAT
21 IT STILL CONTINUES. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS HAD IT RIGHT. THIS
22 MONEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN GONE. BUT YOU GUYS HAVE AGENCIES WITHIN
23 THE COUNTY THAT HAVE GOOD PROGRAMS. THEY JUST NEED TO BE
24 FUNDED. SO AFTER '92, YOU FIGURE AFTER THE RIOTS, THE PARENTS
25 NEEDED CHILDCARE, JUVENILE PROTECTION, AND THINGS LIKE THAT.

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1 BUT, WELL, WE WANTED TO EMPHASIZE ON TEACHING KIDS HOW TO
2 READ, HOW TO FILL OUT JOB APPLICATIONS, HOW TO APPLY
3 THEMSELVES FOR JOBS SO THAT THEY WOULD STAY OUT OF TROUBLE.
4 RON BOYD, OR CHIEF RON BOYD, HAD A LOT TO DO WITH IT, WITH THE
5 BLACK PEACE OFFICER ASSOCIATION. WE TAUGHT THE KIDS HOW TO
6 READ HOW TO APPLY FOR JOBS, AND THINGS LIKE THAT. AND WE TOOK
7 THE KIDS OUT ON OUTINGS. SO I THINK, WITHIN THIS ORGANIZATION,
8 THAT YOU GUYS HAVE A GOOD, GOOD LEEWAY, AND I THINK YOU GUYS
9 SHOULD USE THE SHERIFF YOUTH ACTIVITY LEAGUE A LITTLE BIT
10 MORE, SO THE KIDS CAN BE EDUCATED AND TRAINED FOR VOCATIONAL
11 SKILLS, AND STUFF LIKE THAT. I AM THE RED CHIEF HUNT. IF
12 THERE'S A PROBLEM, THERE'S A SOLUTION. LET'S WORK ON THE
13 SOLUTION. THANK YOU, MARK, FOR A GREAT SPEECH, AND THINGS LIKE
14 THAT. GET RID OF THE MONEY. WE NEED RESOURCES.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

17

18 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO
19 TESTIFIED, WHICH I KNOW THE AUTHORS WILL SAY WHEN THEY CLOSE.
20 BUT I WANTED TO INDICATE A COUPLE OF THINGS. ONE IS, I INTEND
21 TO VOTE FOR THE MOTION. I THINK IT IS NEEDED. BUT I THINK
22 THERE IS MORE GOING ON, EVEN, THAN JUST WHAT'S GOING ON HERE
23 AT THE BOARD, AND I THINK IT'S A VERY GOOD THING, BECAUSE
24 PEOPLE USED TO TALK ABOUT A NEW WIND BLOWING, OR SOMETHING
25 CHANGING DIRECTION-- YOU KNOW, USING KIND OF SAILING TERMS.

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1 AND I THINK IT'S REALLY APPROPRIATE HERE, BECAUSE THE
2 ADVOCATES WHO SPOKE HERE HAVE BEEN WORKING FOR DECADES TO TRY
3 TO GET THE ATTENTION OF THOSE IN CHARGE TO SHIFT, AS A FOCUS,
4 FROM INCARCERATION AND PUNISHMENT TO REHABILITATION AND
5 SERVICES. AND I KNOW THAT THEY'VE BEEN TRYING FOR DECADES. THE
6 INTERESTING THING IN THIS PARTICULAR DECADE IS PEOPLE ARE
7 STARTING TO LISTEN, AND IT'S REALLY MAKING A DIFFERENCE. THIS
8 BOARD OFTEN TRIES, BUT, YOU KNOW, DOESN'T GET ALL THE WAY
9 THERE TO TURN A VERY, VERY BIG SHIP AROUND, BUT WE'VE BEEN
10 PRETTY UNITED IN TALKING ABOUT NEW WAYS OF WORKING WITH AND
11 TRYING TO HELP ALL OF OUR CLIENTS. ONE OF THE INTERESTING
12 THINGS TO ME IS I HAD A CONVERSATION WITH THE NEW SECRETARY OF
13 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DR. MARK GHALY, THE OTHER DAY, WHO
14 INDICATED THAT IN THE AGENCY, THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
15 AGENCY, THERE'S GOING TO BE A NEW SECTION, AND THAT NEW
16 SECTION IS JUVENILE JUSTICE. IT WILL MOVE FROM CORRECTIONS TO
17 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. SO I TALKED TO MY SISTER, THE
18 PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE JUVENILE COURT IN SACRAMENTO, WHO HAS
19 EXACTLY THE SAME THOUGHT ABOUT WHAT IS NEEDED FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
20 WHO HAVE CROSSED THE LAW, OR ERRED, OR ALL OF THE THINGS THAT
21 WE'VE SEEN, AND SHE'S IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT THAT THIS IS NOT
22 AN ISSUE THAT IS SOLVED BY INCARCERATION AND PUNISHMENT AND
23 LAW ENFORCEMENT. NOTHING AGAINST PROBATION, WHO IS DOING THE
24 JOB THAT THE STATE HAS GIVEN THEM TO DO, SO FAR. BUT MY
25 OPINION IS, TOO MUCH MONEY RUNS THROUGH PROBATION, AND NOT

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1 BECAUSE THEY'VE DONE SOMETHING WRONG, BUT BECAUSE THE WHOLE
2 ATTITUDE IN THE STATE AND THE NATION HAS BEEN, "LET'S DO IT
3 THAT WAY WHEN WE DEAL WITH JUVENILES, INSTEAD OF THROUGH
4 HEALTH OR SOCIAL SERVICES." SO I THINK BEING PART OF THAT
5 CHANGE IS A VERY IMPORTANT THING. THIS IS, SOMEONE WOULD SAY,
6 A SMALL STEP. I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S SO SMALL, BUT I CERTAINLY
7 SUPPORT IT. THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THE MOTION.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I, TOO, WANTED TO THANK
10 EVERYONE WHO CAME DOWN TO TESTIFY. AND AGAIN, WE CERTAINLY DO,
11 YOU KNOW, THANK OUR PROBATION DEPARTMENT, AND KNOW THE
12 CHALLENGES AND THE DIFFICULTY THEY HAVE EVERY DAY IN DOING
13 THEIR JOB. BUT I THINK THAT IT'S SORT OF THE OLD SAYING, "AN
14 OUNCE OF PREVENTION IS WORTH A POUND OF CURE," AND 30 MILLION
15 ANNUALLY SEEMS LIKE AN OUNCE TO ME, BUT IT IS AN OUNCE THAT
16 NEEDS TO BE SPENT. AND WHILE WE ARE GOING TO HAVE POSSIBLY NEW
17 RESOURCES AT THE STATE LEVEL, I THINK, AS SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND
18 I FOUND OUT WHEN WE DID GO UP TO SACRAMENTO TO MEET WITH OUR
19 L.A. COUNTY DELEGATION, THEY WERE CONCERNED. AND THEY WEREN'T
20 ALL TOO KEEN ON SENDING MORE MONEY OUR WAY UNTIL THEY WERE
21 CONVINCED THAT THE MONEY THAT WE ALREADY WERE ALLOCATED WAS
22 BEING SPENT IN A WAY THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE. AND WE BELIEVE
23 THIS MONEY CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE. WE BELIEVE THAT PREVENTION
24 AND INTERVENTION DOLLARS ARE KEY TO SORT OF GETTING OUR YOUNG
25 PEOPLE EARLY AND PREVENTING THEM FROM BECOMING A PART OF OUR

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1 SYSTEM. SO I THINK YOU HEARD IT LOUD AND CLEAR FROM THIS BOARD
2 THAT WE WANT A FEW ANSWERS, AND WE HOPE THIS REPORT BACK WILL
3 GIVE US THAT. AND THIS IS SOMETHING THAT I THINK WE'RE ALL
4 PAYING ATTENTION TO. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. A LOT'S BEEN SAID. I, TOO,
7 WANT TO THANK THE AUDIENCE AND THE PUBLIC SPEAKERS THAT CAME
8 OUT TODAY, BECAUSE IT IS IMPORTANT. THIS STORY HAS TO BE TOLD
9 AGAIN AND AGAIN AND AGAIN, UNFORTUNATELY. BUT WE HAVE TO FIND
10 A WAY NOW TO FAST-FORWARD AND ALLOW FOR THIS FREE FLOW OF
11 INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE TO PERMEATE NOT JUST PROBATION, BUT
12 SOME OF OUR OTHER DEPARTMENTS, AS WELL. I CAN'T WAIT TO HAVE
13 THE DISCUSSION ABOUT HOW WE GET W.D.A.C.S INVOLVED, IN TERMS
14 OF EXPANDING OUR YEAR-ROUND PROGRAMS TARGETED AT THESE AT-RISK
15 INDIVIDUALS, GIVING THEM PAID MENTORING AND INTERNSHIPS, JOB
16 OPPORTUNITIES THAT COULD REALLY SCALE UP AND HELP PREVENT MANY
17 OF THE STORIES THAT WE HEARD ABOUT THE HORRORS THAT GO ON IN
18 OUR COMMUNITY. I THINK EVERY DEPARTMENT THAT TOUCHES THE
19 LIVES, JUST LIKE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES IN SACRAMENTO NOW,
20 ALL OF OUR AGENCIES THAT HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH OUR YOUNG
21 PEOPLE-- PARKS AND REC, AS WE KNOW, OTHERS-- HAVE TO REALLY
22 STEP UP AND LOOK AT THINGS IN A DIFFERENT WAY. AND IT ISN'T
23 JUST ABOUT CONTAINING PEOPLE IN A CERTAIN CIRCLE; IT'S ABOUT
24 EXPANDING THEIR ALSO EXPERIENCE, AND ALLOWING FOR SOME OF THAT
25 KNOWLEDGE, THAT WE KNOW THAT SOME OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE HERE

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1 TODAY TESTIFIED TO, THAT WE OUGHT TO BE SHARING THAT. AND I
2 CERTAINLY WOULD LIKE TO SEE US MOVE QUICKLY ON THE
3 DISBURSEMENT OF THESE FUNDS TO LEGITIMATE ORGANIZATIONS, BUT
4 ALSO TO PROVIDE A LOT MORE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO SOME OF
5 THESE GROUPS WHO WANT TO TAKE THIS ON. YOU KNOW, LIBERTY
6 FOUNDATION-- THEY WANT TO HELP US. BUT THE CAPACITY, IN AND OF
7 ITSELF, HAS TO BE TEN TIMES. I CAN'T EVEN BEGIN TO TELL YOU
8 WHAT I SEE IN MY OWN DISTRICT, WHERE THE INFRASTRUCTURE IS
9 NONEXISTENT. AND I JUST HOPE THAT WE CAN MOVE IN THAT
10 DIRECTION. I THINK THE BOARD IS SUPPORTIVE, AND I HOPE THAT WE
11 CAN DO THAT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY, COLLEAGUES, ITEM 14 IS NOW
14 BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
15 MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. IF THERE ARE NO
16 OBJECTIONS TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, SEEING NONE, THAT WILL BE THE
17 ORDER. [APPLAUSE.] NOW... ARE WE ON PUBLIC COMMENT? AT THIS
18 TIME, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR FROM MEMBERS OF THE
19 PUBLIC WHO HAVE REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THE
20 FOLLOWING ITEMS NOT HELD BY THE SUPERVISORS. MADAM EXECUTIVE
21 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE
22 SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THESE ITEMS.

23

24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME
25 FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME: ERIC PREVEN HAS REQUESTED TO

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1 ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEM 1-D, 6, 9, 10, 11, 13, 19, 20, 22,
2 23, 24-A, AND 24-B. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL HAS REQUESTED TO
3 ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS 1-D, 7, 9, 10, 19, 22, 23, AND 24-
4 A, JAMES SOTO ON ITEM 19, BART TREVINO ON ITEM 21, RED CHEF
5 HUNT ON ITEM 11 AND 24-A. BRIAN AMBRIZ, ITEM 21. MARIA TICAS,
6 ITEM 21. MIA VALADEZ ON ITEM 1-D AND 9. ARLES BENAVIDES ON
7 ITEM 21. JUAN MORALES ON ITEM 10. YVONNE AUTRY ON ITEMS 1-D,
8 9, 10, 11, 13, 21, 22, 24-A. HERMAN AVILEZ ON ITEM 10. IVETTE
9 ALE ON ITEM 1-D AND 9. EUNISSES HERNANDEZ ON ITEM 1-D AND 9.
10 LEX STEPPLING ON ITEM 1-D AND 9. HERMAN HERMAN ON ITEM 1-D, 6,
11 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24-A, AND 24 B. GEORGE
12 BUZZETTI ON ITEMS 1-D, 9, 10, AND 24-A. WAYNE SPINDLER ON
13 ITEMS 1-D, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24-A, AND
14 24-B. AMANDA STAPLES ON ITEM 13. ANA-ALICIA CARR ON ITEM 13.
15 JOANN LOW ON ITEM 13. CLARE FOX ON ITEM 13. CATALINA GONZALEZ
16 ON ITEM 21.

17

18 **SUP. BARGER:** ALL RIGHT, CAN WE BEGIN, MR. PREVEN?

19

20 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. FIRST OF ALL, I WOULD JUST SAY THAT
21 THE MASSAGE ORDINANCE IS AN INTERESTING AREA TO BE GETTING
22 INTO FURTHER REGULATION IN THIS CLIMATE. I JUST FIND THAT THE
23 NOTION THAT A LICENSE COULD BE GRANTED TO SOMEONE WHO HAS A
24 MINIMUM OF FIVE YEARS OF EXPERIENCE PARTICIPATING AS A MASSAGE
25 TECHNICIAN-- I MEAN, THAT JUST SEEMS LIKE AN EXTREMELY HIGH

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1 BAR. WHAT IS A YOUNG PERSON WHO COMES OUT OF MASSAGE TRAINING
2 SUPPOSED TO-- I MEAN, I JUST-- IT'S A ROUGH ROOM, I GUESS.
3 SOMEBODY LIKES THE MASSAGE INCUMBENTS, OR SOMETHING. IS THAT
4 FOR GETTING A LICENSE TO RUN A FACILITY? IT JUST SEEMS LIKE AN
5 ONEROUS CONDITION, IF THAT'S TRUE. ITEM NO. 9 IS THE SUPPLY OF
6 AFFORDABLE HOUSING, COUNTYWIDE. MISTER... WELL, I DON'T KNOW
7 WHO, BUT \$50 MILLION IS BEING CHUNKED OVER TO THE COMMUNITY
8 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, IN ORDER TO-- M.H.S.A. MONEY, IN ORDER
9 TO WORK ON PROVIDING HOUSING, BUT THAT IS SUCH A BIG SUM. I
10 THINK THEIR BUDGET IS ABOUT \$500 MILLION. SO IT'S JUST A 10-
11 PERCENT HUGE CHUNK OF MONEY, WHICH I JUST FIND SURPRISING, AND
12 IT'S FOR ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS AND IDEAS THAT WERE FOR PROJECTS
13 THAT CAN'T GET THE TYPICAL TAX CREDITS. BUT AREN'T WE DOING A
14 LOT OF EXPERIMENTATION AGAIN, OVER-- THESE PROBLEMS KEEP
15 COMING UP OVER AND OVER AGAIN, AND IT RAISES QUESTIONS ABOUT
16 WHETHER OR NOT WE'RE FUNCTIONING PROPERLY. NOW, THE GOOD FOOD
17 PURCHASING PROGRAM SOUNDS LIKE A NICE IDEA, BUT THERE'S A
18 COMPANY IN PARTICULAR THAT SEEMS TO BE THE BENEFICIARY, THE
19 NAME OF WHICH IS NOT IMMEDIATELY ON THE-- THERE IT IS:
20 REVOLUTION FOODS, INCORPORATED. I DON'T KNOW. I MEAN, HEALTHY
21 FOOD SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD IDEA, BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW THAT WORKS
22 OR IF THERE'S AN R.F.P. MAYBE BECAUSE IT'S JUST A PILOT
23 PROGRAM. AND THEN THE "EVERYONE IN" IDEA. THIS IS THE UNITED
24 WAY, AND IT SEEMS LIKE IT'S A \$500,000 CHA-CHING TO THEM, TO
25 JACK UP THE PROMOTIONAL CAMPAIGN, WHICH, IF YOU LOOK AT THEIR

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1 TWITTER, THEY'RE CONSTANTLY CELEBRATING ONE ANOTHER AND MR.
2 RIDLEY-THOMAS AND ALL THE PEOPLE WHO ARE DOING WHAT THEY'RE
3 DOING. BUT I DON'T KNOW. I JUST FEEL LIKE, IS THAT WHAT THE
4 MONEY IS SUPPOSED TO BE GOING FOR?

5

6 **SUP. BARGER:** CAN YOU SUMMARIZE? SORRY. YOUR TIME IS UP.

7

8 **ERIC PREVEN:** THAT'S IT?

9

10 **SUP. BARGER:** YEAH.

11

12 **ERIC PREVEN:** HOW MANY MINUTES WAS THAT?

13

14 **SUP. BARGER:** NEXT SPEAKER. THANK YOU, ERIC.

15

16 **BRIAN AMBRIZ:** HELLO. I'LL BE ADDRESSING ITEM 21. GOOD
17 AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS BRIAN AMBRIZ. I'M THE COMMUNITY
18 ORGANIZER WITH CALIFORNIA HISPANIC COMMISSION ON ALCOHOL AND
19 DRUG ABUSE, AND A MEMBER OF THE SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY ALLIANCE
20 COALITION. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND HONORABLE SUPERVISORS.
21 IN PARTICULAR, THANK YOU TO SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND SOLIS FOR
22 THE RECENT AMENDMENTS TO THE SMOKE-FREE OUTDOOR AREA
23 ORDINANCE. LAST WEEK, A GROUP OF US VOCALIZED OUR CONCERNS
24 REGARDING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE SECONDHAND SMOKE
25 ORDINANCE, AND TODAY WE'D LIKE TO COMMEND THE BOARD FOR

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1 LISTENING TO OUR CONCERNS. THE INCLUSION OF NO SMOKING AT BUS
2 STOPS IS A POSITIVE STEP FORWARD TOWARD PROTECTING THE
3 CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE POPULATION OF EAST LOS ANGELES AND
4 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. IN ADDITION, UNDER TITLE 19, CHAPTER
5 12, SECTION 1420, SUBSECTION 82, REMOVING THE DISCRETIONARY
6 PARKS TO PERMIT SMOKING IN DESIGNATED AREAS. AND FURTHERMORE,
7 WITH SPRING AND SUMMER BEFORE US, BRINGING CROWDS AND CHILDREN
8 AND FAMILIES TO LOCAL PARKS, WE RECOMMEND AND SEEK YOUR
9 SUPPORT THAT TEMPORARY SIGNAGE BE POSTED IN PUBLIC PARKS THAT
10 CLEARLY INDICATES NO SMOKING CANNABIS, IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH.
11 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

12

13 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER?

14

15 **BART TREVINO:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY NAME
16 IS BART TREVINO, AND I WORK FOR AN ORGANIZATION CALLED THE SAN
17 FERNANDO VALLEY PARTNERSHIP, IN S.P.A. 2. TODAY I'M HERE TO
18 SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SMOKE-FREE
19 ORDINANCE. WITH MY WORK, I VISITED PARKS, BUS STOPS, AND
20 BUSINESSES, AND INTERVIEWED OVER 500 COMMUNITY RESIDENTS. WHEN
21 IT COMES TO PUBLIC SMOKING, CANNABIS IS A MAJOR CONCERN. THE
22 SMELL OF DRIFTING CANNABIS SMOKE AFFECTS SENIOR CITIZENS,
23 CHILDREN, AND THOSE WHO HAVE ASTHMA AND OTHER ALLERGIES.
24 PARENTS ARE ESPECIALLY CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR CHILDREN, WITH
25 MANY SAYING THAT THEY'RE SEEING SO MANY PEOPLE SMOKING IN

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1 PUBLIC THAT CONTRIBUTES TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR NORMALIZATION OF
2 CANNABIS USE IN PUBLIC. THE TOBACCO LITERATURE ALSO SHOWS THAT
3 CLEAN AIR LAWS TARGETING AREAS WHERE TEENS TEND TO CONGREGATE
4 ARE ASSOCIATED WITH REDUCED INITIATION, SELF-REPORTED USE.
5 INCLUDING CANNABIS AND VAPING PRODUCTS IN THE ORDINANCE WILL
6 GO A LONG WAY IN MINIMIZING THE IMPACT OF CANNABIS
7 LEGALIZATION ON THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND ON OUR CHILDREN. THANK
8 YOU.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANKS FOR COMING DOWN. NEXT
11 SPEAKER?

12

13 **ARLES BENAVIDES:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME
14 IS ARLES BENAVIDES, FROM SPIRIT FAMILY SERVICES IN WHITTIER,
15 AND I'M A MEMBER OF RETHINKING ACCESS TO MARIJUANA. I'M HERE
16 TO TALK ABOUT ITEM 21. FIRST OF ALL, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE
17 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR TAKING STEPS TO ADDRESS CLOSING THE
18 LOOPHOLES FOR SECONDHAND SMOKE AND VAPING, BY ADDING CANNABIS
19 OR MARIJUANA VAPING AND E-CIGARETTES TO THE DEFINITION OF
20 SMOKING. THIS IS A GREAT STEP. WE ALSO HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH
21 OUR COMMUNITY, DOING SERVICE TO IDENTIFY THE IMPACT OF
22 SECONDHAND CANNABIS SMOKE AND VAPING IN OUR COMMUNITY. WE HAVE
23 BEEN GOING TO PARKS AND TO OTHER PUBLIC PLACES, TO-- YOU KNOW,
24 SIMILAR CONCERNS TO WHAT BART REPORTED, THAT COMMUNITY REPORTS
25 EXPOSURE TO SECONDHAND MARIJUANA SMOKE AND VAPING, INCLUDING

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1 IN PARKS AND OTHER PUBLIC AREAS, AND THEY FEEL POWERLESS. SO
2 WE NEED MORE COMMUNITY EDUCATION. THERE'S A LACK OF SIGNAGE AT
3 PARKS, OR PEOPLE ARE NOT AWARE OF THE REGULATIONS. SO WE NEED
4 MORE SIGNS, AND ALSO P.S.A.S, TO ADDRESS THE COMMUNITY. THANK
5 YOU.

6

7 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU FOR COMING DOWN.

8

9 **ARLES BENAVIDES:** THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. BARGER:** NEXT SPEAKER. GENEVIEVE.

12

13 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
14 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ON ITEM 7, ABOUT THE EXTENSION OF TEMP
15 L.A. PILOT PROGRAM, I THINK THAT'S ONE THING YOU SHOULD REALLY
16 LOOK AT, BECAUSE IF YOU FIND HOMES FOR THE HOMELESS, BUT THEY
17 DON'T HAVE ANY JOB OR ANY TEMPORARY, IT'S NOT GOING TO HELP A
18 LOT AT ALL. AND ALSO, ON ITEM 9, INCREASED FUNDING FOR
19 AFFORDABLE HOUSING COUNTYWIDE WILL BE A GOOD THING. AND LET ME
20 SEE WHAT ELSE. 24-A, ABOUT THE FOSTER CARE, I THINK THAT'S A
21 VERY GOOD IDEA, AND I THINK WE SHOULD EMPHASIZE TO HELP
22 CHILDREN GOING BACK TO THEIR FAMILY, AND GIVE SOME FINANCIAL
23 INCENTIVE. AND THAT'S ALL I WILL HAVE FOR TODAY. BYE.

24

25 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, DR. CLAVREUL. NEXT SPEAKER.

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1

2 **CLARE FOX:** YES. GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS CLAIRE
3 FOX. I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LOS ANGELES FOOD POLICY
4 COUNCIL. BEFORE YOU TODAY IS A PROPOSAL TO PILOT THE GOOD FOOD
5 PURCHASING PROGRAM, ITEM NO. 13. THE GOOD FOOD PURCHASING
6 PROGRAM IS A NATIONAL PROGRAM THAT HELPS LOCAL GOVERNMENTS USE
7 PUBLIC DOLLARS FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD, BY SERVING GOOD FOOD THAT
8 BETTER PROTECTS THE HEALTH OF PEOPLE AND THE PLANET. G.F.P.P.
9 CAN HELP L.A. COUNTY ENSURE THAT MEALS SERVED TO VULNERABLE
10 POPULATIONS IN L.A. COUNTY FACILITIES MEET STANDARDS IN
11 NUTRITION, FAIR LABOR, ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY, LOCAL
12 ECONOMIC INVESTMENT, AND ANIMAL WELFARE. THE COUNTY SERVES
13 37,000,000 SNACKS AND MEALS, AND PURCHASES \$23 MILLION WORTH
14 OF FOOD EVERY SINGLE YEAR. AND IN HUMAN TERMS, THAT ACCOUNTS
15 FOR HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF ANGELINOS WHO RELY ON COUNTY FOOD
16 PROGRAMS, SUCH AS ELDERS, VETERANS, HOSPITAL PATIENTS, AND
17 CHILDREN. THE COUNTY SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM ALONE FEEDS MORE
18 THAN 200,000 CHILDREN EVERY SUMMER. I WOULD LIKE TO
19 ACKNOWLEDGE SUPERVISOR HAHN AND SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS
20 FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN LEVERAGING THE COUNTY'S FOOD
21 PROCUREMENT POWER, AND WE RECOMMEND MOVING FORWARD WITH THE
22 PILOT. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, AND SHE THANKS YOU.

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I KNOW. THANK YOU. APPRECIATE YOU SAYING
2 THAT.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER:** NEXT SPEAKER.

5

6 **ANA-ALICIA CARR:** HI. GOOD AFTERNOON. ANA-ALICIA CARR, WITH THE
7 AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION, IN SUPPORT OF THE GOOD FOOD
8 PURCHASING POLICY. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO
9 ENHANCE THE COUNTY'S WORK TO PROVIDE MEALS WITH THE HEALTHIEST
10 HIGH-QUALITY INGREDIENTS POSSIBLE. HALF A MILLION PEOPLE
11 THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY ARE CURRENTLY EXPERIENCING OR SUFFERING
12 FROM FOOD INSECURITY; IN SOME CASES, EXTREME FOOD INSECURITY.
13 I'VE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SET UP FREE PRODUCE MARKETS IN
14 HAZARD PARK, WHERE HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE LINE UP TO RECEIVE FREE
15 PRODUCE. MANY FAMILIES RELY ON THESE NUTRITION SERVICES THAT
16 ARE PROVIDED THROUGH THE COUNTY, SUCH AS THE SUMMER LUNCH
17 PROGRAM. GOOD FOOD SHOULD BE A BENEFIT, REGARDLESS OF INCOME,
18 AND, AS WE SEE IT, AS A RIGHT. THE GOOD FOOD PURCHASING
19 PROGRAM IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET HIGH-QUALITY, NUTRIENT-DENSE
20 FOODS TO FAMILIES THAT NEED THEM THE MOST. WE SUPPORT THE
21 ADVANCEMENT OR THE ADOPTION OF THE PILOT THIS SUMMER TO
22 INCLUDE THE GOOD FOOD PURCHASING POLICY.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

25

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1 **AMANDA STAPLES:** HI. GOOD AFTERNOON. AMANDA STAPLES, WITH THE
2 AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION. I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO
3 MADAM CHAIR AND SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP
4 ON THIS ITEM. WE ARE EXTREMELY-- WE'D LOVE TO SEE THIS PILOT
5 BE EXTENDED ACROSS ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. WE BELIEVE THAT
6 OVER THE PAST TEN YEARS, THE PERCENT OF AMERICAN TEENS WHO
7 HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED AS TYPE 2 DIABETES, OR CONSIDERED
8 PREDIABETIC, HAS RISEN FROM 9 PERCENT TO 25 PERCENT. SO IF
9 TRENDS CONTINUE, NEARLY 1 IN 2 OF LATINO AND BLACK CHILDREN
10 BORN AFTER THE YEAR OF 2000 WILL DEVELOP TYPE 2 DIABETES IN
11 THEIR LIVES. AND SO THESE STAGGERING NUMBERS, AS A COUNTY, AS
12 SEEING HOW WE ADDRESS AND SERVE SO MANY FOLKS IN NEED, AND
13 SPECIFICALLY THESE POPULATIONS, WE SEE THIS AS AN AWESOME
14 OPPORTUNITY TO BRING THESE DIRE NUMBERS DOWN, AND ALSO TO
15 SUPPORT A HEALTHY LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SO I THANK YOU, AND WE
16 ARE IN FULL SUPPORT.

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18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

19
20 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS CATALINA, WITH DAY ONE. WE PROVIDE
21 ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG PREVENTION SERVICES TO COMMUNITIES IN
22 THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, AND WE'RE ALSO PART OF THE RETHINKING
23 ALCOHOL AND DRUGS COALITION, WHICH REPRESENTS S.P.A. 3. WITH
24 SOME OF THE OTHER SPEAKERS WHO SHARED ON ITEM 21, WE JUST
25 WANTED TO THANK THE BOARD AND EXPRESS OUR SUPPORT FOR THE

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1 AMENDMENTS TO THE PUBLIC SMOKING ORDINANCE. ALONG WITH SOME
2 OTHER AGENCIES, WE'RE PARTICIPATING IN THE ASSESSMENT OF PARKS
3 AND OTHER PUBLIC SPACES IN THE COUNTY, AND WE'RE HEARING FROM
4 RESIDENTS THERE'S A LOT OF SOCIAL EQUITY ISSUES. A LOT OF
5 PEOPLE ARE DEFINITELY BEING EXPOSED TO MARIJUANA AT PARKS, AND
6 CHILDREN WHO USE THESE SPACES ARE PROBABLY NOT COMFORTABLE.
7 FAMILIES ARE NOT GOING OUT TO PARKS. SO WE THANK YOU. THE MAIN
8 POINT I WANTED TO SHARE, ALSO, IS THAT ESPECIALLY OUR
9 UNINCORPORATED AREAS, WE WORK WITH INCORPORATED CITIES, AS
10 WELL, AND WE SEE THE DIFFERENCE IN-- YOU KNOW, A LOT OF FOLKS
11 OUT THERE DON'T KNOW THE REGULATIONS, ARE NOT AWARE OF PUBLIC
12 SMOKING RESTRICTIONS. SO THIS IS A GREAT START, BUT WE NEED A
13 LOT MORE RESOURCES TO PROVIDE PUBLIC EDUCATION. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

16

17 **EUNISSES HERNANDEZ:** HI. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS EUNISSES
18 HERNANDEZ. I AM WITH JUST LEADERSHIP U.S.A. I'M THEIR L.A.
19 CAMPAIGN COORDINATOR, AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS RIDLEY-
20 THOMAS AND KUEHL FOR REALLY PUTTING ITEM 1-D AND 9 TOGETHER.
21 AT THIS MOMENT, WE'RE AT A CRITICAL JUNCTURE, THINKING ABOUT
22 CLOSE TO 40 PERCENT OF THE FOLKS IN OUR L.A. COUNTY JAIL
23 SYSTEM HAVE SOME SORT OF MENTAL HEALTH NEED. AND SO THIS
24 MOTION REALLY FALLS IN LINE WITH THE OTHER MOTIONS THAT, FOR
25 EXAMPLE, SUPERVISOR BARGER PUT TOGETHER TO IDENTIFY THE GAPS

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1 IN MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. AND SO IT'S REALLY-- MOVING FORWARD
2 WITH BUILDING AN ASYLUM IS REALLY PUTTING THE CART BEFORE THE
3 HORSE, WHEN YOU'RE PUTTING ALL THESE MOTIONS TOGETHER THAT
4 WOULD ADDRESS AND REALLY SUPPORT SOME OF THESE INDIVIDUALS. SO
5 JUST TAKE THAT INTO CONSIDERATION AS YOU'RE MOVING FORWARD.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

8

9 **LEX STEPPLING:** GOOD AFTERNOON. THIS IS LEX STEPPLING AGAIN,
10 FROM DIGNITY AND POWER NOW. SIMILARLY TO WHAT EUNISSES JUST
11 SAID, AS WE BOTH ARE MEMBERS OF THE JUSTICE L.A. COALITION, IS
12 THAT THE SCAFFOLDING OF SOLUTIONS IS SOMETHING THAT WE WANT TO
13 SEE, AND WE WANT IT SEEN THROUGH AND DONE WELL. AND SO HOUSING
14 AND HUMAN DIGNITY ARE ALWAYS THE ANSWERS TO THE PROBLEMS. AND
15 ONE THING THAT WE'VE BEEN MET CONSISTENTLY WHEN WE BROUGHT
16 FORTH OUR DEMANDS TO DEPOPULATE AND STOP EXPANDING L.A. COUNTY
17 JAIL IS, "WELL, WHERE WOULD PEOPLE GO?" AND PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE
18 A CHANCE TO GO HOME. AND THE REALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO BOTH
19 SUPPORT, HOLISTICALLY, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES THAT ARE
20 DESPERATELY NEEDED IN A COUNTY WHERE IT'S AT A CRISIS LEVEL,
21 AND DO SO THROUGH HUMAN DIGNITY-BASED SOLUTIONS LIKE HOUSING,
22 IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. AND I HOPE THAT WE CAN ARTICULATE THAT
23 CONNECTION AND SEE THAT CONNECTION THROUGH, BECAUSE IT'S GOING
24 TO HELP SOLVE A LOT OF THE PROBLEMS THAT WE'RE COLLECTIVELY
25 TRYING TO GET TO TOGETHER. SO THANK YOU FOR THAT.

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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

3

4 **IVETTE ALE:** HI. IT'S IVETTE ALE AGAIN, WITH CALIFORNIANS
5 UNITED FOR A RESPONSIBLE BUDGETS, AND THE JUSTICE L.A.
6 COALITION. I WANT TO AGAIN ECHO MY COLLEAGUES IN COMMENDING
7 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. YOU'RE MY SUPERVISOR IN DISTRICT 2,
8 AND IT IS REALLY ENCOURAGING TO SEE MOTIONS THAT ARE REALLY
9 INVESTING RESOURCES INTO HOUSING, MAKING THE LINKS WITH MENTAL
10 HEALTH AND THE NEED TO PROVIDE THOSE RESOURCES TO OUR
11 COMMUNITY. THE LINK BETWEEN MENTAL HEALTHCARE AND HOUSING
12 CANNOT BE SEPARATED. YOU CAN'T HAVE SUSTAINED RECOVERY AND
13 TREATMENT IF YOU DON'T HAVE A HOME OR A PLACE TO STAY. WE
14 CAN'T REDUCE OUR JAIL POPULATION IF WE DON'T HAVE ANYWHERE TO
15 BRING OUR FOLKS HOME TO, AS LEX ALLUDED TO. AND SO THE
16 INVESTMENT THAT YOU ARE MAKING TODAY, AND THAT YOU'RE
17 CONTINUING TO MAKE WITH THE REPORTS THAT ARE GOING TO BE
18 COMING OUT, ARE REALLY ENCOURAGING FOR OUR COMMUNITIES, AND
19 REALLY LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR A NEW LOS ANGELES THAT REALLY
20 TAKES CARE OF ITS RESIDENTS. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** YES. ESPECIALLY DURING THIS REGENTRIFICATION, I'VE
25 BEEN A RESIDENT OF DOWNTOWN FOR 16 YEARS. PRIOR TO THAT,

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1 AGAIN, I WAS BORN IN INGLEWOOD. AND WATCHING THE PROGRESSIVE
2 REGENTRIFICATION OF DOWNTOWN, I WOULD THINK THAT NOW THE CITY,
3 COUNTY, ET AL., SHOULD BE MORE SENSITIVE TO THE NEED. IT'S AN
4 IMPERATIVE-- I CANNOT OVERSTATE THAT-- FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF
5 AFFORDABLE HOUSING. AND ON THE CONTRARY, WHAT I SEE IS MORE
6 LOFTS, MICROLOFTS, CONDOMINIUMS BEING CREATED. SO I THINK THIS
7 IS-- NOT ONLY IS IT BLATANT MAINTENANCE OF THE STATUS QUO--
8 DON'T DO THAT, PLEASE. IT'S BLATANT MAINTENANCE OF STATUS QUO,
9 AS THE INFLUX, OF COURSE, DOWNTOWN, PREDOMINANTLY WHITE OR
10 UPPER-MIDDLE-CLASS RESIDENTS, OKAY? AND AGAIN, I STILL SEE
11 BLACK PEOPLE AS THE PREDOMINANT MAJORITY OF SKID ROW
12 RESIDENTS. SO THIS SEEMS, AGAIN, AS AN EASY SOLUTION IN THE
13 CONTINUED ASSAULT AND ATTACK AND EXTERMINATION OF BLACK
14 PEOPLE. OKAY? AND I KNOW THIS IS ENGINEERED. THIS IS
15 ENGINEERED, BECAUSE I WOULD BE IN THE STREET IF IT WASN'T FOR
16 GOD AND THOSE THAT HELPED ME. I'VE BEEN LISTED, LABELED A
17 TERRORIST FOR OVER 20 YEARS. MY CHILD WAS TAKEN. I FOUGHT
18 RIGHT HERE, OKAY, AND EXPOSING THE FACT THAT EVERY
19 ADJUDICATION AND PETITION AGAINST ME WAS FALSE, IN MAINTENANCE
20 OF THE STATUS QUO, TO COVER UP THE PEDOPHILES THAT ARE GETTING
21 THE CHILDREN. YOU PLACE CHILDREN IN WORSE HOMES. MY NEIGHBOR
22 IS A PEDOPHILE. I'VE CALLED THE D.C.F.S. I DON'T WANT TO
23 DIGRESS, BUT THE CITY, THE COUNTY, OR THE COURTS KEEP
24 RETURNING THE BOY TO THE PEDOPHILE. I'VE NEVER BEEN A
25 PEDOPHILE, AND MY CHILD WAS TAKEN FROM ME BECAUSE I'M A BLACK

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1 WOMAN. I REFUSE TO BREED. NO SUPER-HOT BATTERY CHARGER, HOT
2 LUNCH FOR YOU RICH WHITE PEOPLE. OKAY? AND EXPOSING THAT
3 MAINTENANCE OF THAT STATUS QUO. AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND EQUAL
4 OPPORTUNITY FOR REAL, FOR ALL PEOPLE.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. OH, WAIT, WAIT,
7 WAIT. WE HAVE ONE MORE TO CALL UP?

8

9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES. WOULD CARLOS SANTA MARIA-- HE'S
10 REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEM 13. PLEASE COME
11 FORWARD.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

14

15 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** OKAY, IT'S GEORGE BUZZETTI. I GOT HERE 1-D
16 AND 9. THAT'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING. BASICALLY, HOMELESS STUFF.
17 AND 10 AND 24, THAT'S YOUTH REINVESTMENT AND FOSTER YOUTH. ALL
18 OF THIS IS SURROUNDING THAT THING THAT THE WONDERFUL SHOW THAT
19 DR. GUPTA PUT ON, ON C.N.N., THAT ALL YOU BETTER WATCH IF YOU
20 WANT TO DEAL WITH ANY OF THIS PROBLEM. BECAUSE I AM SURE, BY
21 WHAT I HEAR OUT OF YOU FOOLS, THAT NONE OF YOU KNOW HOW THE
22 MIND WORKS. NONE OF YOU KNOW WHAT SYNAPSES ARE. NONE OF YOU
23 KNOW WHAT STRESS DOES TO THE FRONTAL CORTEX TO DESTROY ITS
24 THINKING POWER, TO BUILD UP THE PRIMAL SECTIONS, OKAY? GO
25 WATCH IT. GO WATCH IT HAPPEN-- THE SYNAPSES. THEY'RE VIDEOING

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1 THIS STUFF NOW. WHAT YOU'RE DOING IS FORCING THESE PEOPLE--
2 WHEN YOU BUILT HOMELESS HOUSING FOR \$505,000 EACH OVER SIX
3 YEARS THAT YOU BRAGGED ABOUT, I BROUGHT YOU AN ANSWER OF
4 \$65,000 EACH. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN 24,000. NOW, HOW MUCH COULD
5 WE HAVE SAVED OFF OF DR. SHERIN'S PIG MENTAL HEALTH HOSPITAL
6 THAT YOU THREW ME INTO? YOUR 1.8 BILLION IN OUTSIDE
7 CONTRACTORS, AT \$500 A HALF AN HOUR, FOR A SHRINK THAT'S A
8 PIECE OF TRASH. I HAVE THE CONTRACTS FROM COURT. THE CHARGES
9 THAT YOU LAID DOWN THROUGH MEDICARE ON ME IN THE MENTAL HEALTH
10 HOSPITAL, WHERE SUPPOSEDLY SHRINKS SAW ME FOR AN HOUR AND A
11 HALF A DAY, I NEVER SAW ANYBODY. IT'S FRAUD. NOW, YOU EXTEND
12 THAT OUT OVER THIS WHOLE STUPID FILTHY SYSTEM, YOU PEOPLE
13 ADMITTED HERE YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE THE MONEY GOES. YOU GOT NO
14 CONTROL ON NOBODY. YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE THE BOSSES. THE
15 BOSSES TELL THE LITTLE PUNKS WHAT TO DO. I RAN A BUSINESS FOR
16 50 YEARS. INTERNATIONALLY, MULTIPLE FIELDS. I DON'T KNOW WHAT
17 YOUR PROBLEM IS.

18

19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** ALL I KNOW IS I AM NOT GOING TO WATCH A T.V.
20 SHOW ON STRESS. I GET ENOUGH HERE ON TUESDAYS DURING PUBLIC
21 COMMENT. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22

23 **HERMAN HERMAN:** WELL, I'LL TAKE IT.

24

25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, THANK YOU.

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2 **HERMAN HERMAN:** AS YOU SEE, WHEN WE HAVE PROPOSALS AND WE'RE
3 DEALING WITH HOMELESSNESS, AND WE'RE DEALING WITH FINANCING
4 IMPROVEMENTS, YOU HEARD IT FOR THE RECORD BY ME. BILLIONS OF
5 DOLLARS NOT BEING SPENT, CREATING A SLUSH PIGGY BANK, THE SAME
6 WAY MIKE FEUER AND HIS ATTORNEYS WERE DOING THE SAME WITH
7 THESE SO-CALLED ATTORNEY FEES. NOW, I'M NOT THE EXPERT AT WHEN
8 YOU'RE STEALING. I'M NOT THE EXPERT AT WHEN YOU'RE INVOLVED
9 WITH CORRUPTION. I'M NOT THE EXPERT TO SAY TO THE D.A. OR THE
10 CITY ATTORNEY, WHICH MOST OF YOU DON'T HAVE THE GUTS TO SAY,
11 "[EXPLETIVE] THE POLICE." BUT THE TRUTH IS IT HURTS TO KNOW
12 THAT THE CITY ATTORNEY, MIKE FEUER, IS STEALING FROM ALL OF
13 YOU IN THIS CITY, ALL OF YOU IN OUR COUNTY. AND GUESS WHAT?
14 [EXPLETIVE] THE POLICE AND [EXPLETIVE] THE D.A. AND
15 [EXPLETIVE] THE CITY ATTORNEY. THAT'S RIGHT. LITTLE BOYSY.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. NEXT SPEAKER.

18

19 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YES, GO AHEAD. YES, SO THE POINT OF ORDER. THE
20 FIRST TIME THAT THE GREAT KATHRYN BARGER GOT HER HAND ON THE
21 MIGHTY GAVEL, MR. PREVEN WAS ENTITLED TO HIS THREE MINUTES ON
22 ALL THE ITEMS, AND HE WAS ONLY GIVEN A MERE TWO MINUTES. AND
23 HE BECAME VERY UPSET. YES, AND THAT'S WHY WE APPEAL TO MARY
24 WICKHAM, WHO I KNOW SHE'S A PIG.

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I BELIEVE YOU'RE OFF TOPIC.

2

3 **SPEAKER:** YES. WELL, THE POINT OF ORDER, OF COURSE, IS THAT WE
4 HAVE TO RUN--

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** IT'S HARD FOR ME TO TELL ANYMORE, REALLY,
7 WHETHER THEY'RE ON TOPIC-- I THINK YOU'RE OFF TOPIC.

8

9 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** I DON'T KNOW. DO YOU THINK SO? WELL, I DON'T
10 THINK SO. BUT SHEILA KUEHL'S AN ATTORNEY, AND SHE WENT TO
11 HARVARD. OH, SHE SAYS I'M OFF TOPIC AND SCREWED. OKAY, LET'S
12 GET BACK ON TOPIC.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GET BACK ON TOPIC.

15

16 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** SO LET'S GET INTO ALL OF THESE ITEMS HERE. 1-
17 D. OPPOSE. OPPOSE. NO. 9, 10, 11, 19, 20, 21, 22. AFFIRM.
18 AFFIRM, YES, WITH UNANIMOUS CONSENT, OF COURSE. SO MARY
19 WICKHAM CAN NOTE FOR THE RECORD THERE'S NO OBJECTIONS. BUT
20 THEY'RE NOT PAID. THIS IS THE CONSENT CALENDAR. WE WILL NOT
21 TOLERATE DISSENT OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR. THE CONSENT CALENDAR
22 IS RUN BY ROMAN LAW, YES, NOT AMERICAN LAW. SO IF ANYBODY
23 WANTS TO DISSENT, THEY WOULD BE TAKEN TO THE PARKING LOT,
24 DRAGGED OVER TO MIKE FEUER'S OFFICE, AND THEN TO THE ROYBAL
25 BUILDING. SO EVERYBODY VOTES 5-0, NO MATTER WHAT. NO MATTER

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1 WHAT IS SAID. SO, OF COURSE, PLEASE DO NOT LET ERIC PREVEN
2 LEAVE HERE ANGRY. GIVE HIM HIS ONE MINUTE BACK. AND DO THE
3 RIGHT THING SO THAT KATHRYN BARGER AND ERIC CAN BEGIN IN
4 ERNEST. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

7

8 **RED CHIEF HUNT:** GOOD EVENING. THE RED CHIEF HUNT. I WANT TO
9 THANK YOU AND YOUR STAFF, JANICE HAHN, FOR GIVING ME HOUSING
10 RIGHT AWAY. THAT'S A PLUS. HOUSING FOR HEALTH. AND NICK AND
11 MYSELF DID A GREAT JOB. THANK YOU AGAIN. ALSO, MOVING ON TO
12 THE POINT WHERE I WENT TO A L.A.H.S.A. MEETING, AND THE SLASH
13 FUND, IT WAS 45,000 AND ROLLED OVER TO THIS YEAR. BUT THE
14 PROGRAMS ARE FAR IN BETWEEN. SO THEY'RE NOT REALLY HOUSING
15 PEOPLE, BECAUSE THEY REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY'RE DOING IF
16 THEY'RE NOT WORKING WITH HOUSING FOR HEALTH. SECOND OF ALL, OR
17 THIRD OF ALL, I HAVE A GREAT CONCERN ABOUT CHILDREN AND FAMILY
18 SERVICES AND THE WAY THEY'RE BEING OPERATED. A COUPLE YEARS
19 AGO, THE BOY FROM PALMDALE CAME UP DEAD, AND THEN THIS YEAR A
20 GIRL FROM, I GUESS, HACIENDA HEIGHTS CAME UP IN A SUITCASE. I
21 HAVE REALLY GREAT CONCERNS WHEN WE HAVE THE MANUAL TO GO IN
22 AND TRAIN THE PEOPLE. DR. HERSHEL SWINGER, IN THE EARLY 2000S,
23 MADE THE MANUAL, AND I THINK WE NEED TO GET DR. RONALD BANKS
24 BACK OUT THERE, BECAUSE KIDS REALLY MEAN SOMETHING TO ME.
25 THAT'S A SORE SPOT IN MY HEART. SO I WISH WE CAN GET THAT

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1 DONE. AND IF WE CAN SEND C.I.I. A CHECK FOR \$500,000, THAT'S A
2 CREDIBLE PROGRAM. WITH THE MONEY THAT'S BEING TOSSED AROUND
3 AND THINGS LIKE THAT, CHILDREN'S INSTITUTE REALLY NEEDS THE
4 MONEY TO HELP PEOPLE, AND THINGS LIKE THAT. BUT ON THE OTHER
5 SIDE, YOU KNOW, I REALLY, REALLY THINK THERE'S A PROBLEM WITH
6 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. KIDS ARE COMING UP DEAD, AND
7 THAT'S REALLY SO SAD. YOU KNOW, I DON'T KNOW HOW TO EXPRESS
8 THAT, BUT KIDS ARE IN MY HEART, AND THINGS LIKE THAT. BUT I
9 WISH YOU CAN TAKE A VOTE AND GET A NEW DIRECTOR FOR D.S.S.F.,
10 AND MAKE THINGS HAPPEN IN THE RIGHT WAY. IT'S NOT BEING DONE
11 THE RIGHT WAY. THE GRANDMOTHER CALLED AND REPORTED THE KILLER,
12 AND NOTHING HAPPENED. SO KEEP THAT IN MIND. THANK YOU. THE RED
13 CHIEF HUNT.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
18 CARLOS SANTA MARIA, HERE TO SPEAK ON ITEM 13. I'M A BUSINESS
19 REPRESENTATIVE FOR TEAMSTERS LOCAL 630, DOWN HERE IN DOWNTOWN
20 L.A. WE REPRESENT ABOUT 6500 MEMBERS IN THE PRODUCE AND FOOD
21 SERVICE INDUSTRIES, AND I'M HERE TO EXPRESS MY SUPPORT FOR THE
22 GOOD FOOD PURCHASING PROGRAM. THIS PROGRAM IMPROVES THE
23 TRANSPARENCY OF LABOR PRACTICES ALONG THE SUPPLY CHAIN, BY
24 DIRECTING INSTITUTIONAL PURCHASING TOWARDS ETHICAL PRODUCERS
25 THAT PROVIDE SAFE AND HEALTHY WORKING CONDITIONS, AS WELL AS

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1 FAIR COMPENSATION FOR ALL FOOD CHAIN WORKERS AND PRODUCERS,
2 FROM PRODUCTION TO CONSUMPTION. WE BELIEVE THAT ALL WORKERS
3 DESERVE GOOD JOBS, GOOD WORKING CONDITIONS, DIGNITY, AND
4 RESPECT. I ENCOURAGE YOU TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE PILOT
5 PROGRAM. THIS IS A GOOD PROGRAM, NOT ONLY FOR FAMILIES, BUT
6 FOR WORKERS, BUT ALSO FOR THE ENVIRONMENT. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY OTHER SPEAKERS THAT
9 HAVE SIGNED UP?

10

11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** NO SPEAKERS, MADAM CHAIR.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. THAT'S THE LAST SPEAKER. MADAM
14 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS
15 THAT WE'RE VOTING ON.

16

17 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE ITEMS BEFORE YOU ARE ITEMS 1-D, 6, 7,
18 9, 10, 11, 13, 19, 20, 21, 22; 23, SUPERVISOR BARGER'S VOTE IS
19 RECORDED AS NO; 24-A AND 24-B.

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21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO THAT WILL BE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
22 SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT
23 WILL BE THE ORDER. AND NOW WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS
24 OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS OUR BOARD ON ITEMS OF INTEREST THAT

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1 ARE WITHIN THE SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION OF THIS BOARD. CAN
2 YOU CALL UP THOSE MEMBERS, MR. EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

3

4 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE FOLLOWING
5 INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU:
6 ANDRIA MCFERSON, ASHLEY ORONA, CARLOS SANTA MARIA, CLARE FOX,
7 ERIC PREVEN, GEORGE BUZZETTI, HERMAN HERMAN, JAMES SOTO, JAMES
8 ESSEX, JOANN LO, LARRY LAVEN, LAWRENCE DICKERSON, LYNNE
9 PLAMBECK, MARY JACOBS, RED CHIEF HUNT, SANDRA TAMAYO, SARA
10 GARCIA, VALERIE COLEMAN, WAYNE SPINDLER, YANEL SAENZ, YVONNE
11 AUTRY, ESIQUIO REYES, AND MARY JACOBS. PLEASE COME FORWARD.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. PREVEN, GO AHEAD. WELCOME,
14 AGAIN. MR. PREVEN?

15

16 **ERIC PREVEN:** YEAH. I KNOW TIME AND MONEY HAVE DIFFERENT
17 MEANING FOR DIFFERENT PEOPLE, BUT I'M ABLE TO PAY ATTENTION.
18 AND, YOU KNOW, I HAD A LOT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA TODAY, AND
19 YOU JUST SHUT ME DOWN TO TWO MINUTES WHEN YOU GAVE THE PEOPLE
20 WHO YOU WANTED TO HEAR FROM TWO MINUTES. AND I'M A WATCHDOG
21 AND A CRITIC AND A WRITER, AND WHEN YOU DO THAT, IT SENDS THE
22 SIGNAL THAT YOU'RE GOING TO USE DISCRETION TO SILENCE PEOPLE
23 WHEN YOU DON'T WANT TO HEAR FROM THEM, BECAUSE THEY TWEET OR
24 THEY SAY THINGS. AND IT'S TOTALLY INAPPROPRIATE. AND I DON'T
25 UNDERSTAND HOW YOU CAN GET AWAY WITH IT. AND THEN YOUR LAWYERS

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1 AND WICKHAM PRETEND SHE'S TALKING TO SOMEONE. I MEAN, IT'S
2 JUST APPALLING, AND I FEEL THAT YOU SHOULD NOT DO THAT. I
3 DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU PUT IN THE KIOSK THAT TODAY-- EVERY
4 DAY SINCE YOU'VE BEEN THE CHAIR THERE'S BEEN A LITTLE RED
5 BLINKER THAT SAYS YOU ONLY GET ONE MINUTE IN PUBLIC COMMENT
6 TODAY BECAUSE-- BECAUSE WHAT? BECAUSE SHEILA KUEHL TRIED TO
7 PERSUADE THE WORLD THAT IF THERE ARE 10 PEOPLE, THAT'S TOO
8 MANY FOR THE BOARD TO SIT IN ITS PLACE AND LISTEN TO THE
9 PUBLIC? I FIND THAT UNACCEPTABLE, AND I WOULD LIKE MY TIME
10 BACK. AND NOW IT'S TOO LATE, AND I'M GOING TO HAVE TO FILE
11 ANOTHER LAWSUIT AGAINST YOU FOR VIOLATING THE PUBLIC-- IT'S
12 NOT ME, BUT OTHER PEOPLE GET SCREWED BY YOUR DRACONIAN
13 TACTICS.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. [APPLAUSE.]

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE'RE ALMOST TO THE END, AND I WOULD
18 REMIND YOU TO REFRAIN FROM APPLAUDING FROM THE AUDIENCE. NEXT
19 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** OKAY, THANK YOU. PLEASE WORK WITH ME. I'VE HAD BRAIN
22 SURGERY. SO, YOU KNOW, SOME PEOPLE MAY NEED A LITTLE BIT MORE
23 TIME, OKAY? BUT GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ANDRIA MCFERSON.
24 SHEILA KUEHL, MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, HILDA SOLIS, THEY MAY KNOW
25 ME FROM ADVOCATING FOR HOMELESSNESS AND THE A.D.A. RIGHTS,

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1 OKAY? AS I SAID BEFORE, ANDRIA MCFERSON. I AM A R.C.A.C.
2 MEMBER, REGIONAL COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER, SINCE
3 2009, AND AN EXECUTIVE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR WITH
4 L.A. CARE. AND I'M ALSO A HEALTH PROMOTER SINCE 2010, GIVING
5 OUT IMPORTANT HEALTH INFORMATION TO THE COMMUNITY ON A PERSON-
6 TO-PERSON LEVEL. AND I DON'T KNOW FOR HOW LONG. I'M AN
7 ADVOCATE FOR A.D.A. RIGHTS, AND I WAS FORCED TO SIGN A
8 DOCUMENT WITH NO A.D.A. RIGHTS WITHIN IT. NOW, BY SIGNING A
9 CONTRACT, WE HAVE HAD TO AGREE TO BE THERE FOR THE HEALTH
10 PROMOTER PROGRAM FOR 90 PERCENT OF THE TIME, AND MAKE UP ALL
11 TRAININGS, OR YOU WILL NO LONGER BE A PART OF THE PROGRAM.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

14

15 **ANDRIA MCFERSON:** UNLESS YOU ARE-- WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU'RE NOT
16 HOSPITALIZED? I MEAN, IF YOU'RE HOSPITALIZED AND YOU CANNOT BE
17 THERE FOR 90 PERCENT OF THE TIME?

18

19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TURN IN YOUR
20 REMARKS, WE'LL BE ABLE TO READ THEM, BUT YOUR TIME IS UP.

21

22 **ANDRIA MCFERSON:** WHO DO I SPEAK TO ABOUT THIS, BECAUSE--

23

24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** CAN WE HAVE SOMEBODY MEET WITH HER? IS
25 SOMEONE HERE THAT COULD MEET-- WE'LL MEET WITH YOU DOWN IN THE

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1 FRONT ROW. KATHLEEN, THANK YOU. THANK YOU. OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER,
2 PLEASE.

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4 **SARA GARCIA:** [SPEAKS SPANISH.]

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6 **TRANSLATOR:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS SARA GARCIA. I AM HERE
7 AS A RESIDENT OF THE FLORENCE-FIRESTONE COMMUNITY, AND I AM
8 REQUESTING THAT THE LIBRARY BECOME A PART OF THE LOW-INCOME
9 HOUSING DEVELOPMENT. AS A COMMUNITY, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT THE
10 RECENT CHANGES WERE MADE WITHOUT CONSULTING MEMBERS OF THE
11 COMMUNITY. LEAVING OUR LIBRARY WITHOUT A PERMANENT LOCATION
12 SERVES AN INJUSTICE TO OUR COMMUNITY. THE LIBRARY HELPS THE
13 YOUTH OF OUR COMMUNITY WITH THEIR HOMEWORK. HAVING BOOKS AT
14 THEIR DISPOSAL HELPS THEM DEVELOP THE LOVE FOR BOOKS. THE
15 LIBRARY ALSO SUPPORTS CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS, AND OFFERS
16 COMPUTER LITERACY PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS. ACCESS TO
17 FREE INTERNET ALSO HELPS CHILDREN SO MUCH WITH THEIR HOMEWORK.
18 PARENTS AND CHILDREN DEPEND ON THE SUMMER PROGRAMS PROVIDED BY
19 THE LIBRARY. THE LIBRARY'S ONE OF THE FEW SERVICES THAT IS
20 PROVIDED AT NO COST TO OUR COMMUNITY, AND OFFERS A SECURE
21 PLACE.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

24

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1 **TRANSLATOR:** AS A LEADER OF OUR COMMUNITY, WE ASK THAT YOU DO
2 THE RIGHT THING FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5

6 **ASHLEY ORONA:** HI. MY NAME IS ASHLEY ORONA. I AM A RESIDENT OF
7 THE FLORENCE-FIRESTONE NEIGHBORHOOD. I AM HERE TO EXPRESS
8 CONCERNS REGARDING DECISIONS MADE ON PROJECTS IN MY COMMUNITY,
9 SPECIFICALLY BY MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, WITHOUT CONSIDERABLE INPUT
10 FROM OUR COMMUNITY. WE BELIEVE MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS IS TAKING
11 ADVANTAGE OF THE UNINCORPORATED STATUS OF FLORENCE-FIRESTONE,
12 AND MAKING UNILATERAL DECISIONS RESIDENTS DO NOT AGREE WITH.
13 TODAY I AM HERE TO SPEAK ABOUT THE HOUSING PROJECT AND THE
14 DISPLACEMENT OF THE FLORENCE LIBRARY, AS WELL. I, AS WELL AS
15 LITERALLY THOUSANDS OF RESIDENTS AND SUPPORTERS, BELIEVE THAT
16 THE HOUSING PROJECT SHOULD STOP FOR REASONS STATED IN THIS
17 LETTER I WILL NOW LIKE TO PRESENT TO YOU, MR. MARK RIDLEY-
18 THOMAS. IN THIS LETTER, WE ARE DEMANDING THE PAUSE OF THE
19 HOUSING PROJECT, FOR WE BELIEVE ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL
20 IMPACT REPORTS SHOULD BE DONE, AS WELL AS EFFICIENT SERVING OF
21 INPUT FROM RESIDENTS, AND UNTIL THE FLORENCE LIBRARY HAS A
22 PERMANENT HOME THE COMMUNITY AGREES WITH. ADDITIONALLY, WE ARE
23 REQUESTING A TOWN HALL IN FLORENCE-FIRESTONE, WHERE WE CAN
24 ADDRESS THIS AND OTHER CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY. WE ARE
25 DISAPPOINTED WITH THE LACK OF TRANSPARENCY COMING FROM YOUR

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1 OFFICE, AND HOW YOU ARE PRIORITIZING YOUR LEGACY AND
2 INVESTMENT OVER WHAT THE COMMUNITY WANTS AND NEEDS. WE LOOK
3 FORWARD TO YOUR RESPONSE.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. NEXT
6 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

7

8 **MARY JACOBS:** OKAY, IT'S MY TURN, I GUESS. ALL RIGHT. HI. MY
9 NAME IS MARY JACOBS, AND MY PROPERTY HAS BEEN, I GUESS, TAKEN
10 OVER BY A RECEIVERSHIP, WHICH IS GOING TO COST 180,000, PLUS
11 90,000 FOR ARMED GUARDS, PLUS ABOUT 120,000 FOR THE LAWYER
12 WHO'S GOING TO SUE ME FROM THE COUNTY, PLUS ANOTHER-- I DON'T
13 KNOW. WHATEVER IT IS, IT'S ABOUT 500,000, AND THE PROPERTY
14 LAND, WHICH IS WHAT WILL BE LEFT, IS WORTH APPROXIMATELY
15 \$200,000. SO MINE IS 300. I DON'T KNOW IF I'LL OWE IT TO YOU.
16 AND WITH THAT IN MIND, I WOULD LIKE TO DONATE MY PROPERTY,
17 SINCE THERE'S NOTHING LEFT OF IT, TO H.U.D. AND I HAVE COME UP
18 WITH A PROPOSAL, A PILOT PROGRAM, TO CREATE HOUSING FOR SMALL
19 GROUPS OF PEOPLE THAT ARE EITHER MENTALLY ILL, ELDERLY, SINGLE
20 WITH MAYBE ONE KID, BUT PEOPLE THAT ARE THE DREGS OF SOCIETY,
21 THE ONES THAT LIVED IN MY PROPERTY, EXCEPT WE DO IT THE RIGHT
22 WAY. THIS IS WHAT IT WOULD LOOK LIKE.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WOW. OKAY, THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

25

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1 **MARY JACOBS:** MORE TO COME.

2

3 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

4

5 **EUTALIA ESPINOZA:** [SPEAKS SPANISH.]

6

7 **TRANSLATOR:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS EUTALIA ESPINOSA. I'M
8 HERE AS A MEMBER OF THE FLORENCE-FIRESTONE COMMUNITY. I AM
9 REQUESTING THE FULFILLMENT OF A PROMISE MADE TO OUR COMMUNITY.
10 WE WOULD LIKE FOR OUR LIBRARY TO REMAIN A FOCUS OF THE NEW
11 LOW-INCOME HOUSING DEVELOPMENT. WE ARE DISPLEASED AND BOTHERED
12 BECAUSE A MAJORITY OF THE COMMUNITY WAS NOT PROPERLY NOTIFIED
13 THAT THE LIBRARY WAS NOT GOING TO BE A PART OF THE PROJECT,
14 AND IT WAS GOING TO BE TEMPORARILY RELOCATED TO A PARK. THE
15 PARK IS NOT AN ADEQUATE LOCATION FOR A LIBRARY BECAUSE OF THE
16 HIGH NOISE LEVELS AND THE SAFETY ISSUES AFFECTING CHILDREN AND
17 TEENAGERS, BECAUSE OF DRUG AND ALCOHOL USE IN THE PARK. WE ASK
18 THAT YOU LISTEN TO THE VOICE OF THE COMMUNITY. I PRESENT TO
19 YOU TODAY MORE THAN 1,000 SIGNATURES PETITIONING FOR THE
20 LIBRARY IN FLORENCE-FIRESTONE. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

23

24 **SANDRA TAMAYO:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU
25 FOR ALLOWING ME THIS TIME TO SPEAK. MY NAME IS SANDRA TAMAYO,

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1 AND I AM A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF FLORENCE-FIRESTONE, AND A
2 FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE FLORENCE-FIRESTONE COMMUNITY LEADERS.
3 I HAVE UTILIZED THE FLORENCE LIBRARY FOR THE PAST 30 YEARS,
4 AND I WAS VERY DISAPPOINTED TO LEARN OF THE CLOSING OF THE
5 FLORENCE LIBRARY. I WAS STILL CHECKING OUT BOOKS AS OF LAST
6 MONTH, AND I RECEIVED A LETTER IN THE MAIL SAYING THAT IT WAS
7 GOING TO BE CLOSED IN A FEW DAYS. I DON'T THINK THAT WAS
8 ENOUGH WARNING TO GIVE PATRONS. THE FLORENCE LIBRARY HAS
9 PROVIDED NOT ONLY LIBRARY RESOURCES BUT ACCESS TO PUBLIC
10 SERVICES TO THE NORTHERN FLORENCE-FIRESTONE COMMUNITY. IT HAS
11 PROVIDED A SANCTUARY TO STUDENTS WHO HAVE NO OTHER PLACE TO GO
12 AFTER SCHOOL. PATRONS RELY ON THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE
13 FLORENCE LIBRARY. AND IT IS IMPORTANT TO SAVE THE FLORENCE
14 LIBRARY, AND TO RELOCATE IT OR OPEN IT SOMEWHERE, SO IT'S
15 CENTRALLY LOCATED AND WITH ACCESS TO PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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19 **YANEL SAENZ:** MY NAME IS YANEL SAENZ. I'M A FLORENCE-FIRESTONE
20 RESIDENT, AS WELL, AND I'M HERE TODAY ON BEHALF OF THE
21 FLORENCE LIBRARY. ALONG WITH THE LETTER THAT WE JUST
22 SUBMITTED, WE'RE ALSO SUBMITTING 7,000 SIGNATURES AND HUNDREDS
23 OF COMMENTS COLLECTED FROM AN ONLINE PETITION. 7,000
24 SIGNATURES AND COUNTING. THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS LIBRARY IS
25 UNDENIABLE IN OUR COMMUNITY. ONE OF THE COMMENTS SUBMITTED

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1 STATES THAT "THIS LIBRARY MEANS SO MUCH TO ME, IN TERMS OF
2 CRISIS WHEN I WAS A CHILD. I BURIED MY NOSE IN BOOKS. IF THEY
3 MOVE THIS LIBRARY NOT ONLY WOULD IT BE A DISSERVICE, IT WOULD
4 NEGATIVELY IMPACT THE COMMUNITY." AND I AGREE. THE FLORENCE-
5 FIRESTONE COMMUNITY WAS ONLY OFFICIALLY INFORMED THAT THE
6 FLORENCE LIBRARY WAS CLOSING ONLY THREE DAYS PRIOR TO ITS
7 CLOSURE, AND WE STILL HAVE NOT BEEN INFORMED ON A SPECIFIC
8 TIME FOR CONSTRUCTION OR ANYTHING ELSE. WE DO NOT ACCEPT THAT
9 DUE TO FUNDING ISSUES AND A COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS THAT THE
10 FLORENCE LIBRARY WAS PULLED FROM THE INITIAL PLAN TO HAVE IT
11 ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING. THERE IS A CLEAR
12 LACK OF TRANSPARENCY REGARDING THIS PROJECT AND, FRANKLY,
13 OTHER PROJECTS THAT ARE POPPING UP IN FLORENCE-FIRESTONE. AND
14 WE ARE REALLY INSULTED BY THE MOTION PUT FORWARD BY MARK
15 RIDLEY-THOMAS THAT STATES THAT THE LIBRARY'S NOT CURRENTLY
16 NEEDED FOR ANY COUNTY PURPOSE.

17
18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

19
20 **LARRY LAVEN:** HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY NAME'S LARRY
21 LAVEN. I'M FROM ENCINO, TORCHED BY THE COURT. PLEASE LOOK AT
22 THE MINUTES TO THE TRIAL WHERE MENTAL HEALTH COURT APPOINTED A
23 CONSERVATOR TO RUN MY LIFE, LIKE I BELONG TO THE CONSERVATOR
24 INSTEAD OF GOD. ON 8/29/07 IN THE CASE STILL IN LITIGATION
25 TODAY, CALIFORNIA SUPERIOR COURT IDENTIFIES AS A COMPLAINT

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1 WHAT WAS NOT A COMPLAINT, BUT WHAT WAS ACTUALLY A DEMAND, AND
2 DOES NOT IDENTIFY THE NUMBER OF ANY CODE VIOLATION. THE
3 MINUTES READ, "COMPLAINT. APPOINT A PUBLIC GUARDIAN, STAGE AT
4 THIS POSITION, PROBATE AFTER TRIAL, AFTER EVIDENCE BY THE
5 COURT, AFTER TRIAL, AFTER EVIDENCE BY BOTH THE COURT." WITHOUT
6 IDENTIFYING A COMPLAINT, I WAS CONSERVED FOR LIFE, OR UNTIL I
7 CONFESS THE NEED FOR MEDICINE. THEY SORT OF TWIST MY ARM BY
8 TRYING TO COMPEL ME TO TESTIFY AGAINST MYSELF, BY CONFESSING
9 TO THE NEED FOR MEDICINE. PLEASE SEE ARROW ON PUBLIC DOCKET
10 ATTACHED TO THIS LETTER, IDENTIFYING WHAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN A
11 COMPLAINT, BUT WHAT WAS ACTUALLY A DEMAND. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

14

15 **ESQUIO REYES:** HI. MY NAME'S ESIQUIO REYES. AS THE AREA OF
16 PEOPLE MOVE FORWARD AND FEELING THE SUMMER RAYS, FINDING WAYS
17 TO HELP THOSE THAT ARE DEALING WITH HOMELESSNESS SHOULD LEAN
18 MORE TOWARDS FINDING WAYS TO HELPING THEM COME ACROSS FOOD A
19 LOT EASIER AND FASTER. A LOT OF THE HOMELESS RIGHT NOW ARE
20 DEALING WITH LACK OF FOOD AND LACK OF FUNDS, AND, BELIEVE IT
21 OR NOT, SOME OF THEM GO THROUGH WITHOUT EATING FOR AT LEAST
22 THREE DAYS OUT OF THE WEEK, AND MOST ONLY EAT ONCE A DAY. SO
23 WE NEED TO REMEMBER THAT COLD WEATHER TORMENTS ONE WAY BY
24 STIFFENING UP A PERSON'S BODY WHENEVER THEY ARE FINALLY WAKING
25 UP AFTER THEIR NIGHT OUT AT SLEEPING. BUT SO, TOO, DOES THE

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1 HEAT PLAY A CERTAIN ASPECT ON AFFECTING A PERSON'S WAY TO BE
2 ABLE TO COME TO PROPER REASONINGS OF ISSUES. HOMELESS TURN
3 DOWN MANY ASPECTS OF SUPPOSED PROGRAMS THAT HELP THEM, BUT A
4 LOT OF THE REASONINGS HAVE TO DO WITH THE SIMPLE FACT THAT
5 THEY CAN'T WORK.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU.

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9 **ESQUIO REYES:** YEAH. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** I'D ALSO LIKE TO SUPPORT WHAT HE'S SAYING. TO
14 ELIMINATE THE HOMELESSNESS IN ONE OF THE RICHEST CITIES IN THE
15 ENTIRE WORLD, IT IS ENGINEERED, AGAIN, PREDOMINANTLY BLACK
16 PEOPLE, PEOPLE THAT BE PUT IN THE TRASH, EASY RESERVOIR OF SEX
17 SLAVES FOR THE PEDOPHILES, VAMPIRES, CANNIBALS, ESPECIALLY
18 THOSE THAT ARE MOVING DOWN TO CONSIDER BLACK MEAT TO BE A
19 DELICACY, YOUNG WOMEN LIKE ME IN THE SEX SLAVE AND HUMAN SEX
20 TRAFFICKING RING. AND I'D ALSO LIKE TO EXPOSE THE FACT THAT
21 THE ELECTRONIC WEAPONRY THAT IS BEING USED TO BREAK PEOPLE
22 DOWN SO THAT THEY BECOME HOMELESS. A LOT OF THE MEXICAN
23 HISPANIC MEN ARE COMMISSIONED BY SOME OF THE LANDLORDS AND
24 OTHER ZIONISTS, JEWISH AND CAUCASIAN POWERS, THAT BE TO BREAK
25 DOWN UNSUSPECTING VICTIMS, TARGETED INDIVIDUALS, SOME WHO ARE

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1 CAUCASIAN, AS WELL, OKAY, BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE NOT AWARE TO THE
2 DEGREE THAT ELECTRONIC WEAPONRY IS USED TO ATTACK THE MIND AND
3 THE BODY, CAUSING DEBILITATING MENTAL AND PHYSICAL
4 DISABILITIES. MANY BECOME HOMELESS AND ARE MEDICATED, AND
5 THAT'S MORE REVENUE FOR YOUR SYSTEM. IT'S A VERY EVIL SYSTEM.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** THEY USE MODERN TECHNOLOGY TO BREAK DOWN AMERICANS.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD. NEXT SPEAKER.

12

13 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** GEORGE BUZZETTI.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** WHAT DO YOU MEAN, GO AHEAD?

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17 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** FIRST, WE'RE WITH THAT MAN UP HERE, WHO
18 OBVIOUSLY HAS NO BUSINESS HAVING A CONSERVATOR. ARE YOU AWARE
19 THAT BRAD LUND OF THE DISNEY FAMILY IS IN THE PATTON STATE
20 MENTAL HOSPITAL? WE WATCHED THIS IN COURT, WITH THE JUDGE AND
21 PROSECUTING ATTORNEY LAUGHING AT THIS MAN. WE'RE GOING TO GET
22 HIM OUT OF THERE. YOU GUYS GOT SOME REAL TROUBLE COMING. NOW--
23 OH, YOU CANNOT SHUT DOWN A LIBRARY. WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO
24 TO THOSE YOUTH AND THOSE PEOPLE IN THAT AREA? MY PARENTS USED
25 TO TAKE ME TO THE LIBRARY EVERY WEEK. NOW THE PUBLIC'S

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1 SPEAKING. A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED AS A
2 CONDITION TO ATTENDANCE AT A MEETING WHILE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF
3 A LOCAL AGENCY TO REGISTER HIS OR HER NAME, OR TO PROVIDE ANY
4 OTHER INFORMATION. SHUT DOWN YOUR STUPID MACHINES. I GAVE YOU
5 THIS CRAP SIX YEARS AGO. AND YOU'RE SO STUPID, MARY "THE
6 WICKED WITCH" WICKHAM. [LAUGHTER.]

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER. NEXT SPEAKER.

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10 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** OH, MARK, YOU'RE SO DUMB. HOW STUPID YOU ARE.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER. HERMAN, ARE YOU SPEAKING NEXT?

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14 **HERMAN HERMAN:** OH, YES, MA'AM.

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16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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18 **HERMAN HERMAN:** SO, AGAIN, A LAWYER IN FEUER'S OFFICE QUILTS
19 AFTER FEE QUERIES. BUT HE WAS ONLY MAKING \$250,000, \$460,000 A
20 YEAR. AND YET MR. FOBBLE, WHOSE BAR LICENSE NUMBER, MS.
21 WICKHAM, AT 247653, LIVING WITH HIS LOVER JAMES FELIPE AT
22 [REDACTED], IS STRETCHING THE LAW IN THE WRONG DIRECTION,
23 SUPPRESSING PUBLIC SPEAKERS BY INTERRUPTING THE FLOOR, AND I
24 HAVE THE FLOOR. AGAIN, ANYONE INTERESTED IN A CORRUPTED
25 LAWYER? GO OUT TO [REDACTED], FOR THE RECORD. OTHERWISE, YOU

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1 DEAL WITH THE JACKASS, YOU GIVE THE JACKASSES WHAT THEY WANT.
2 COME HERE AND PROTEST. [EXPLETIVE] MIKE FEUER, AND [EXPLETIVE]
3 THE D.A.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. NEXT SPEAKER. GO AHEAD, WAYNE.

6

7 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** SO I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE SHERIFF'S
8 DEPARTMENT. YOU'VE EXONERATED ED BUCK OF THIS RIDICULOUS,
9 IDIOTIC INVESTIGATION. BECAUSE A WHITE MAN IS GAY AND HE
10 SLEEPS WITH BLACK MEN, YOU GOT TO THINK THAT THERE'S AN
11 OVERDOSE CONSPIRACY. YOU HAD TWO SEPARATE INCIDENCES. THE
12 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT VETTED IT. BOTH OF THESE MEN WERE
13 ACCIDENTAL OVERDOSES. THERE WAS NO ANYTHING WRONG WITH ED
14 BUCK. AND THAT'S WHY I TOLD YOU YOU CAN'T MESS WITH JANICE
15 HAHN, BUT ALSO IN L.A. COUNTY, DON'T [EXPLETIVE] WITH ED BUCK.
16 ED BUCK IS AN INSTITUTION. HE HAS GIVEN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO
17 CHARITY. HE'S NOT GOING TO SIT THERE AND KILL ANYBODY. HE'S A
18 NICE GUY. JUST BECAUSE HE'S GAY AND HE PREFERS A BLACK MAN,
19 THAT DON'T MAKE YOU GUILTY. GOD BLESS ED BUCK. THANK YOU,
20 SHERIFF.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** DO WE HAVE ANY MORE SPEAKERS? JAMES? OKAY,
23 JAMES. WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU. WELCOME.

24

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1 **JAMES ESSEX:** THANK YOU. I FEEL WELCOME. 35 MILLION YEARS AGO,
2 DOLPHINS STARTED TO DEVELOP ECHOLOCATION THAT ALLOWED THEM TO
3 BE ON TOP OF THE OCEAN, UNDER THE STARS. NOW, IF THERE IS A
4 LANGUAGE OF THE STARS, THE DOLPHINS CERTAINLY UNDERSTAND IT,
5 AND IT'S PROBABLY THE CAUSE OF THEIR FRONTAL LOBES BEING SO
6 LARGE. AND THEY'VE HAD 35 MILLION YEARS. 3500 YEARS AGO, THIS
7 BODY HERE WAS GIVEN A TEMPLATE THAT IS JUST A MIRACLE UPON
8 THIS EARTH, BECAUSE YOU ALLOW EVERYBODY TO COME, AND EVERYBODY
9 TO HAVE THEIR SAY. AND IT'S A BEAUTIFUL THING. NOW, I'M
10 THINKING THAT L.A. WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT CANDIDATE TO BE A
11 BRIDGE THAT WAS LIKE THE ONE 3500 YEARS AGO, RESPECTING THE
12 CETACEANS. THE OCEAN IS 4/5 RIGHT HERE, AND LAND IS ONLY 1/5.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

15

16 **JAMES ESSEX:** THAT'S ALL. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR COMING DOWN. OKAY.
19 THIS IS OUR LAST SPEAKER, RIGHT? SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, DID
20 YOU WANT TO MAKE SOME COMMENTS?

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE, MADAM
23 CHAIR, WITH YOUR PERMISSION. LET ME THANK THE CONSTITUENTS
24 FROM FLORENCE-FIRESTONE, WHO CAME TO EXERCISE WHAT IS TO BE
25 UNDERSTOOD AS THEIR CIVIC DUTY; OR IN OTHER WORDS, TO EXPRESS

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1 THEIR CONCERN ABOUT THE FLORENCE LIBRARY. I THINK IT'S
2 APPROPRIATE THAT I CLARIFY THAT THE LIBRARY IS NOT CLOSED
3 INDEFINITELY, BUT HAS MERELY BEEN MOVED TO A TEMPORARY
4 LOCATION WHILE THE SEARCH CONTINUES FOR AN OPTIMAL LOCATION
5 FOR THE LIBRARY, A LIBRARY THAT WAS VERY TINY, THAT WAS NOT IN
6 GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION. WE WENT IN AND DID UPGRADES TO THE
7 LIBRARY, AND YET I THINK THAT LIBRARY DESERVES, OR THAT
8 COMMUNITY DESERVES, A LIBRARY THAT'S EXPANDED, THAT IS STATE-
9 OF-THE-ART, ET CETERA. AND WE CAN GET THAT DONE. I THINK IT'S
10 FAIR TO SAY, AS WE'VE DISCUSSED HERE AT THE BOARD, LOS ANGELES
11 IS FACED WITH A SEVERE HOUSING SHORTAGE, AND WE HAVE AN
12 OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE SAFE, CLEAN, AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO
13 FAMILIES. AND THOSE FAMILIES INCLUDE THE FLORENCE-FIRESTONE
14 COMMUNITY THAT HELPS INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILY ACHIEVE THE
15 QUALITY OF LIFE THAT WE WISH FOR THEM TO HAVE. WE HAD A UNIQUE
16 OPPORTUNITY TO COLLABORATE WITH THE ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNER IN
17 A COMMERCIAL STRUCTURE, AND SO FORTH, THAT HAD OUTLIVED ITS
18 USEFULNESS, TO BUILD 109 AFFORDABLE UNITS ON THE BLOCK WHERE
19 THE CURRENT LIBRARY SITS. THIS PROJECT, OR THIS CONVERSATION,
20 HAS GONE ON FOR AT LEAST THREE YEARS, AND THE PROJECT IS NOW
21 READY TO MOVE INTO CONSTRUCTION. WE BROUGHT FORTH TO THE
22 COMMUNITY A PROPOSAL THAT WOULD MOVE THE LIBRARY TO THE
23 CONSTITUENT SERVICES FACILITY ON COMPTON. AFTER RECEIVING
24 INPUT, THAT PROVED NOT TO BE ACCEPTABLE TO SOME CONSTITUENTS,
25 ALTHOUGH WE WOULD HAVE DOUBLED THE SIZE OF THE LIBRARY, AND

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1 MADE IT WHAT WE THINK WOULD BE APPROPRIATE, ON PAR WITH THE
2 RANGE OF OTHER LIBRARIES WE HAVE BUILT IN EAST RANCHO AND
3 CULVER CITY, IN CARSON AND GARDENA, LAWNGDALE, LENNOX,
4 WILLOWBROOK, AND VIEW PARK. WE'VE DONE LIBRARIES ALL OVER THE
5 SECOND DISTRICT, AND I THINK FLORENCE-FIRESTONE CERTAINLY
6 DESERVES TO HAVE A GOOD LIBRARY. BUT THE FEEDBACK WAS NOT WHAT
7 WE HAD HOPED, AND THEREFORE WE CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD. THE
8 HEAD LIBRARIAN IS HERE, PREPARED TO ENGAGE. THE SEARCH
9 CONTINUES TO BUILD A BRAND-NEW FLORENCE LIBRARY THAT IS SECOND
10 TO NONE. IN THE MEANTIME, THE COMMUNITY IS ENCOURAGED TO
11 UTILIZE THE TEMPORARY LIBRARY LOCATED JUST A BLOCK AWAY FROM
12 THE PREVIOUS LOCATION, AS WELL AS THE GRAHAM LIBRARY, LOCATED
13 IN THE NEARBY COMMUNITY, AS WELL. LIBRARIES ARE IMPORTANT.
14 THEY ARE FUNDAMENTAL FEATURES OF OUR COMMUNITIES, AND
15 FLORENCE-FIRESTONE CERTAINLY DESERVES TO CONTINUE THAT. BUT
16 NOT ONLY THAT, IT DESERVES AN UPGRADE OF CONSEQUENCE, WHICH IT
17 WILL IN FACT RECEIVE. FOR THE RECORD, MADAM CHAIR AND
18 COLLEAGUES.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND NOW WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO
21 GO TO ADJOURNMENTS. WE WILL START WITH DISTRICT 2.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THE DEATH, THE
24 TRAGIC DEATH OF SAMANTHA BUSTOS, A VICTIM OF A HOMICIDE IN
25 COMPTON AT THE AGE OF 15. SHE WAS LAST SEEN BY HER FAMILY ON

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1 FRIDAY, MARCH 22ND. AT THE TIME OF HER PASSING, SHE WAS A
2 RESIDENT OF GARDENA. AND SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER MOTHER,
3 EXTENDED FAMILY, AND FRIENDS WHO WILL MISS HER. SAMANTHA
4 BUSTOS. AND THEN THERE'S HI DUK LEE. MR. LEE PASSED ON MARCH
5 THE SEVENTH, HERE IN LOS ANGELES, AFTER A SIX-MONTH BATTLE
6 WITH COLON CANCER AT THE AGE OF 79. HE WAS A VISIONARY FOUNDER
7 OF THE KOREATOWN COMMUNITY IN LOS ANGELES, AS WE KNOW IT. HE
8 WORKED BRIEFLY AS A MINER IN GERMANY BEFORE RELOCATING TO LOS
9 ANGELES IN 1968. AND BY THE TIME OF THE YEAR OF 1971, HE
10 OPENED THE OLYMPIC MARKET, WHICH BECAME ONE OF THE FIRST
11 KOREAN-OWNED GROCERY STORES IN LOS ANGELES. MR. LEE WENT ON TO
12 BUILD THE KOREAN VILLAGE KNOWN TO MANY AS THE HEART OF THE
13 SECOND SEOUL, WITH SOME 40 RESTAURANTS AND SHOPS. HE ALSO
14 OPENED THE V.I.P. PALACE RESTAURANT AS A MEETING AND SOCIAL
15 GATHERING PLACE FOR THE COMMUNITY. IN THE LATE 1970S, MR. LEE
16 INVESTED IN AND BUILT THE V.I.P. HOTEL, AND PUSHED FOR THE
17 INSTALLATION OF A KOREATOWN SIGN TO DESIGNATE THE SPIRIT OF
18 THE COMMUNITY, AND TO INSTILL PRIDE IN RESIDENTS, BUSINESS
19 OWNERS, AND PATRONS. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS VISION AND
20 TENACITY TO CREATE THE CULTURAL COMMUNITY OF KOREATOWN. HE IS
21 SURVIVED BY HIS CHILDREN, EXTENDED FAMILY, AND FRIENDS, WHO
22 WILL ALL MOST ASSUREDLY MISS HIM. A LONG STORY ABOUT THE
23 HISTORY OF KOREATOWN AND THE KOREAN COMMUNITY IN LOS ANGELES
24 THAT PREDATES A CENTURY, STARTING AROUND NORMANDY, AND MOVING
25 NORTH TO OLYMPIC, AND NOW WILSHIRE. AND SO THE HISTORY OF

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1 KOREATOWN, THE KOREAN COMMUNITY, IS LONG, INDEED-- A CENTURY-
2 PLUS IN LOS ANGELES. MAY I THEN-- PARDON ME, MADAM CHAIR-- ASK
3 THAT WE BE MINDFUL OF THE PASSING OF LUKAS MICHAEL SWINDINSKI,
4 BORN APRIL 4, 1978, AND TRAGICALLY PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 13 IN
5 COMPTON, AT THE AGE OF 40. AT THE TIME OF HIS PASSING, HE WAS
6 A FLIGHT STUDENT AT THE COMPTON-WOODLEY AIRPORT, AND A
7 RESIDENT OF LONG BEACH. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS EXTENDED FAMILY
8 AND FRIENDS, WHO WILL ALL MISS HIM DEARLY. I ASK THAT WE
9 ADJOURN IN ALL THREE PERSONS' MEMORIES.

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11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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13 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
14 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LARRY COHEN, A DIRECTOR
15 WHO DIED ON MARCH 23RD. HE WAS BEST KNOWN FOR HORROR FILMS,
16 WHICH ACTUALLY GAVE KIND OF SURREAL AND REVEALING
17 ILLUSTRATIONS OF CONTEMPORARY ISSUES, LIKE "IT'S ALIVE," WHICH
18 DISCUSSED THE TREATMENT OF CHILDREN THROUGH THE LENS OF A
19 MONSTROUS BABY; AND "THE STUFF," WHICH OFFERED COMMENTARY ON
20 THE RISE OF JUNK FOOD THROUGH THE STORY OF A DIET ICE CREAM
21 SUBSTITUTE THAT TURNED THOSE WHO ATE IT INTO ZOMBIES. HIS
22 FREEWHEELING PRODUCTION STYLE, WHICH WAS MARKED BY CLANDESTINE
23 URBAN SHOTS AND SHOESTRING BUDGETS, WAS CHRONICLED IN THE
24 DOCUMENTARY "KING COHEN: THE WILD WORLD OF FILMMAKER LARRY
25 COHEN," WHICH PREMIERED LAST YEAR. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE

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1 CYNTHIA, AND HIS DAUGHTERS MELISSA AND JILL. AND I MOVE THAT
2 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF TOM HATTEN,
3 T.V. AND RADIO PRESENTER TOM HATTEN, WHO DIED ON MARCH 16TH.
4 HE HOSTED "POPEYE AND HIS FRIENDS" ON K.T.L.A., WHERE HE
5 SHARED HIS SKILLS AS A CARTOONIST WITH A GENERATION OF LOS
6 ANGELES CHILDREN. HE INTRODUCED ANOTHER GENERATION OF KIDS AND
7 FAMILIES TO CLASSIC MOVIES ON K.T.L.A.'S "FAMILY FILM
8 FESTIVAL," AND ALSO WORKED AS AN ENTERTAINMENT CORRESPONDENT
9 FOR K.N.X. NEWS RADIO, AND APPEARED ON T.V. SHOWS "GOMER
10 PYLE," "U.S.M.C.," AND "HOGAN'S HEROES." HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS
11 PARTNER PETE.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** HE WOULD DO THAT DOODLE, RIGHT? SOMEBODY
14 WOULD MAKE A LITTLE DOODLE, AND HE WOULD DRAW A WHOLE PICTURE.

15

16 **SUP. KUEHL:** YES, JUST OUT OF NOTHING, AND SUDDENLY THERE WOULD
17 BE SOMETHING. HE WAS VERY TALENTED. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
18 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF HENRY OSTER,
19 OPTOMETRIST, PROFESSOR, AND AUTHOR. HE WAS A HOLOCAUST
20 SURVIVOR WHO EMIGRATED TO THIS COUNTRY AFTER LOSING HIS ENTIRE
21 FAMILY TO THE NAZIS. HE SPOKE NO ENGLISH WHEN HE ARRIVED IN
22 L.A., BUT BECAME A RESPECTED OPTOMETRIST AND PROFESSOR. HE
23 PRACTICED FOR OVER 50 YEARS, TAUGHT OPTOMETRY AT MARSHALL B.
24 KETCHUM UNIVERSITY, AND WAS CHIEF OF OPTOMETRY AT CEDARS-
25 SINAI. HE BORE WITNESS TO THE ATROCITIES OF THE HOLOCAUST

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1 WHEREVER HE COULD, INCLUDING TESTIFYING BEFORE THE BRITISH
2 PARLIAMENT. HE PUBLISHED HIS MEMOIR, "THE KINDNESS OF THE
3 HANGMAN," IN 2015. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE SUSAN, HIS SON,
4 AND TWO DAUGHTERS. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
5 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ANTONIA MYRUP FRANK, A JOURNALIST WHO
6 DIED ON FEBRUARY 22ND. SHE BEGAN HER JOURNALISM CAREER AT AGE
7 10, WITH A COLUMN IN THE SALT LAKE CITY TRIBUNE. SHE WENT ON
8 TO WRITE FOR THE SANTA MONICA EVENING OUTLOOK AND THE L.A.
9 TIMES. SHE ALSO WORKED AS DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS FOR
10 U.C.L.A.'S COLLEGE OF LETTERS AND SCIENCE. SHE'S SURVIVED BY
11 HER DAUGHTERS PHYLLIS AND LISA. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
12 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THEODORE COHEN, LAWYER
13 AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE ACTIVIST, WHO DIED ON MARCH 9TH. HE
14 FOUNDED THE OTHER BAR, WHICH WAS AN ORGANIZATION THAT ASSISTS
15 LAW STUDENTS AND PROFESSIONALS WITH ADDICTION. HE FREQUENTLY
16 LECTURED ON ADDICTION AND SHARED HIS OWN STRUGGLE WITH THE
17 DISEASE. HE WAS A RESPECTED ATTORNEY WHO ARGUED BEFORE THE
18 UNITED STATES AND CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURTS, AS WELL AS THE
19 NINTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS SISTER
20 MARIAN. AND FINALLY, MEMBERS, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
21 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF HENRY TSENG, SUPERCENTENARIAN,
22 WHO DIED ON FEBRUARY 27TH. HE WAS THE OLDEST MAN IN THE UNITED
23 STATES WHEN HE DIED AT 111 YEARS, 231 DAYS OLD. HE WAS A
24 FIXTURE AT THE COLLINS & KATZ FAMILY Y.M.C.A. IN SAWTELLE FOR
25 MORE THAN 40 YEARS. HE PRACTICED YOGA, INCLUDING HEADSTANDS,

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1 WELL INTO HIS 80S. HIS WORKOUTS CHANGED OVER TIME, BUT HE
2 SHOWED UP IN GOOD SPIRITS EVERY DAY, AND TOOK A HALF-HOUR RIDE
3 ON THE STATIONARY BIKE THE DAY BEFORE HE DIED. WHEN HE WAS
4 PROFILED IN THE L.A. TIMES LAST YEAR, HE CITED EXERCISE,
5 HEALTHY DIET, POSITIVITY, AND SERVICE TO OTHERS AS THE KEYS TO
6 HIS LONGEVITY. IN ADDITION, HE HELPED FOUND THE Y.M.C.A.'S
7 P.L.U.S.S. PROGRAM FOR PEOPLE WITH PARKINSON'S DISEASE, AFTER
8 A FRIEND TOLD HIM HE QUIT EXERCISING BECAUSE HE WAS ASHAMED OF
9 HIS SYMPTOMS. BUT HENRY SAID, "THERE MUST BE SOMETHING WE CAN
10 DO," CALLED TOGETHER A GROUP OF EXPERTS, AND DESIGNED A
11 PROGRAM SPECIFICALLY FOR PEOPLE SUFFERING FROM PARKINSON'S
12 DISEASE. HE WAS ALSO A LONGTIME MEMBER OF THE WESTWOOD ROTARY
13 CLUB, AND FUNDRAISED FOR MULTIPLE Y.M.C.A. CAUSES. HE'S
14 SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTER LINDA.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WOW, YES, ALL MEMBERS.

17

18 **SUP. KUEHL:** ALL MEMBERS. THE OLDEST MAN IN THE UNITED STATES.
19 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
22 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF MARY SERRATO, WHO PASSED
23 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 84. SHE WAS BORN IN WILMINGTON, RAISED IN
24 SAN PEDRO. SHE ATTENDED BARTON HILL ELEMENTARY, MARY STAR OF
25 THE SEA SCHOOL, AND SAN PEDRO HIGH SCHOOL. MARY WAS A FIXTURE

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1 IN THE COMMUNITY AND A LONGTIME MEMBER OF THE SAN PEDRO
2 WEDNESDAY CLUB. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN, LINDA, JOHN,
3 STEVE, AND DAVID, WHO I'VE KNOWN FOR A VERY LONG TIME,
4 PARTICULARLY BECAUSE OF HIS LEADERSHIP ROLES IN I.L.W.U.; AND
5 HER EIGHT GRANDCHILDREN, AND HER SIX GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. I
6 ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY
7 OF HELEN JAYNE MACRAE, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 92. SHE
8 WAS BORN IN OHIO, AND HER FAMILY RELOCATED TO LONG BEACH. SHE
9 WAS PROUD TO CALL LONG BEACH HER HOME. TAKING AFTER HER
10 FATHER'S LOVE FOR MUSIC, HELEN WAS ENCOURAGED TO FORM A
11 SINGING TRIO WITH HER SISTERS, KNOWN AS THE SHERLOCK SISTERS.
12 THEY PERFORMED AT WEDDINGS, BENEFITS, NAVY AND AIR FORCE
13 SHOWS, AND ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH CHOIR. HELEN MARRIED BOB
14 MACRAE, AND THEY RAISED FOUR CHILDREN. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER
15 FOUR CHILDREN-- VALERIE, ROBBIE, BRUCE, AND BARRY-- SEVEN
16 GRANDCHILDREN, AND A GREAT-GRANDSON. AND THE LAST ONE I HAVE
17 IS THAT I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF MARY
18 AMALFITANO, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 96. MARY WAS BORN IN
19 NEW YORK, MOVED TO SAN PEDRO WITH HER FAMILY AS A YOUNG GIRL.
20 SHE WORKED FOR MANY YEARS AT NORM'S LANDING FISH MARKET AND
21 LATER AT THE SAN PEDRO FISH MARKET AND RESTAURANT, WHICH IS
22 OWNED AND OPERATED BY HER SON TOMMY. MARY ENJOYED WORKING
23 THERE SO MUCH THAT SHE DID NOT RETIRE UNTIL SHE WAS 90 YEARS
24 OLD. SHE WAS A REGULAR AT THE SAN PEDRO ELKS CLUB, THE RED HAT
25 SOCIETY, AND THE WEDNESDAY MORNING CLUB. AND FOR YEARS, HER

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1 WEEKLY PASTA DINNERS WITH HER FAMILY WERE LEGENDARY. SHE IS
2 SURVIVED BY HER SON TOMMY, HER DAUGHTER ROSE MARIE, FOUR
3 GRANDCHILDREN, AND 11 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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5 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
6 DO SO IN MEMORY OF RUSS COCHRAN, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SANTA
7 CLARITA, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 86. HE WAS A FOSTER
8 CHILD UNTIL THE AGE OF 15, AND DURING THAT TIME A JUDGE GAVE
9 HIM A VIOLIN AND PAID FOR LESSONS TO KEEP HIM ACTIVE AND OFF
10 THE STREETS. THAT GESTURE BEGAN HIS LOVE FOR MUSIC. HE
11 ENLISTED IN THE ARMY AND SERVED AS A COMBAT MEDIC IN JAPAN
12 UNTIL HE WAS DISCHARGED IN 1952. HE EARNED HIS G.E.D.,
13 ATTENDED COLLEGE, AND SUBSEQUENTLY OBTAINED HIS PH.D. IN
14 SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION FROM U.S.C. HE BECAME AN EDUCATOR IN
15 1955, SPENDING THE LAST 24 YEARS OF HIS CAREER WITH THE SAUGUS
16 UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT. RUSS WAS VERY INVOLVED IN SERVICE TO
17 THE COMMUNITY. HE ESTABLISHED MANY ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING
18 THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SENIOR CENTER, COLLEGE OF THE CANYON
19 SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, SANTA CLARITA VALLEY COMMUNITY HEALTH
20 COUNCIL, SANTA CLARITA VALLEY COALITION ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE,
21 AND ALSO SERVED ON THE BOARDS OF THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB, CHILD
22 AND FAMILY CENTER, COMMITTEE ON AGING, AND MORE. HE ALSO BUILT
23 A FEW MODEL AIRPLANES AND FLEW THEM FOR OVER 40 YEARS. RUSS IS
24 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND THEIR TWO CHILDREN. ALSO, BARRY FEAR,
25 A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, WHO PASSED AWAY AT

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1 THE AGE OF 61. BARRY WORKED FOR U.S. BORAX FOR A DECADE, AND
2 THEN SPENT MANY YEARS AT LLANO MUTUAL WATER COMPANY. HE WORKED
3 FOR PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT AS A FIELD CUSTOMER CARE
4 REPRESENTATIVE. HE ALSO SPENT 20 YEARS AS A VOLUNTEER
5 FIREFIGHTER, AND ENJOYED PAINTING, DRAWING, CARVING, AND
6 CLASSIC CARS. HE WAS KNOWN FOR HIS KIND HEART AND INFECTIOUS
7 HUMOR. BARRY IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE JILL, SONS MARCUS AND
8 JOE, DAUGHTERS ROSA AND CASSANDRA, 10 GRANDCHILDREN, AND TWO
9 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO, STANLEY LANGFORD, A LONGTIME
10 RESIDENT OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF
11 87. STANLEY HAD A LONG CAREER IN VARIED INDUSTRIES. HE WORKED
12 IN MANUFACTURING AND CONSTRUCTION BEFORE JOINING THE LOS
13 ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT. HE LEFT IN 1963 AFTER PASSING
14 THE STATE BAR EXAM TO JOIN A LAW FIRM. HE HAD HIS OWN
15 PRACTICE, LATER BECAME A PARTNER IN FALLS AND LANGFORD, AND
16 THEN JOINED THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE.
17 HE RETIRED IN 1981, AND WAS ACTIVE IN MANY LOCAL
18 ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS THE ANTELOPE VALLEY ORGAN CLUB, ELKS
19 LODGE, AND TOASTMASTERS. HE ENJOYED TRAVELING WITH HIS WIFE
20 AND SPENDING TIME WITH HIS FAMILY. STANLEY'S SURVIVED BY HIS
21 SONS MIKE AND JIM, DAUGHTER DEBBIE, MANY GRANDCHILDREN AND
22 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN, AND EXTENDED FAMILY. ALSO, JONATHAN
23 TANNER, A LIFELONG RESIDENT OF LANCASTER, WHO PASSED AWAY AT
24 THE AGE OF 28. JONATHAN BEGAN THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL
25 ACADEMY ON MAY 9TH, 2016. AFTER GRADUATING, HE WAS ASSIGNED TO

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1 THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA ON NOVEMBER 18TH, 2016. JONATHAN WAS
2 HIGHLY RESPECTED BY HIS PEERS IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY C.H.P.,
3 AND WAS A LOVING HUSBAND AND FATHER. JONATHAN IS SURVIVED BY
4 HIS WIFE JESSIE, SONS JASE AND JAKE, DAUGHTER "BABY J," WHO IS
5 DUE TO BE BORN IN MAY, HIS PARENTS, SISTERS, AND TWO BROTHERS,
6 ONE OF WHICH IS A LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
7 DETECTIVE ASSIGNED TO THE LANCASTER STATION, ALONG WITH A
8 LARGE EXTENDED FAMILY. ALSO, FREDDY VALENTINO, A 40-YEAR
9 RESIDENT OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF
10 80. FREDDY WAS A FORMER CHAMPION MULE DRIVER, BREEDER, AND
11 TRAINER. HE WAS A WELL-KNOWN FIGURE DRIVING MULES IN THE
12 ANTELOPE VALLEY PARADES AND AT THE ANTELOPE VALLEY FAIR AND
13 ALFALFA FESTIVAL. HIS "FREDDY'S CAMP" FAIR EXHIBIT OF ANTIQUE
14 FARMING EQUIPMENT AND PRIZEWINNING BELGIUM MULES RECREATED HIS
15 BOYHOOD ON AN UPSTATE NEW YORK DAIRY FARM. HE WAS ALSO THE
16 GENERAL MANAGER OF ANTELOPE VALLEY RUBBISH, PALMDALE RUBBISH,
17 AND FOOTHILL RUBBISH, UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT IN 1999. HE WAS
18 HONORED AS A GRAND MARSHAL OF THE 2005 ANTELOPE VALLEY FAIR
19 PARADE. FREDDY IS SURVIVED BY HIS FOUR SONS AND HIS FOUR
20 GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO, VIRGINIA WATSON, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF
21 THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 97. SHE
22 WAS BORN IN INDIANA AND MOVED TO CHATSWORTH WITH HER HUSBAND
23 HENRY IN 1952. VIRGINIA DEVELOPED AN INTEREST IN THE HISTORY
24 OF THE CITY, AND BEGAN COLLECTING "ANYTHING ABOUT CHATSWORTH,"
25 FROM MEMORIES TO PHOTOGRAPHS. THE CHATSWORTH HISTORICAL

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1 SOCIETY NOW HOLDS HER SLIDES, PHOTOS, AND RESEARCH PAPERS. THE
2 VIRGINIA WATSON CHATSWORTH MUSEUM WAS RENAMED IN HER HONOR.
3 SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER AND SON-IN-LAW, AND MANY
4 GRANDCHILDREN, GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN, AND A GREAT-GREAT-
5 GRANDDAUGHTER. AND LAST, I MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
6 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE
7 IDENTIFIED AS INDIGENT VETERANS BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
8 CORONER, AND WERE SUBSEQUENTLY BURIED WITH DIGNITY AND HONOR
9 AT RIVERSIDE NATIONAL CEMETERY THIS PAST MONTH: DAVID DOWNING,
10 AIR FORCE; KEVIN FOREMAN, ARMY; DANIEL IPSEN, ARMY; FREDERICK
11 MABINS, NAVY; ETHEL MCGEE, AIR FORCE; TOMMY SCHUSTER, NAVY;
12 WAYNE STEPP, ARMY; WELDON WHIDDON, AIR FORCE. MAY THEIR
13 CONTRIBUTIONS AND SACRIFICES IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY NEVER
14 BE FORGOTTEN. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

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16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE WILL TAKE THOSE MOTIONS AS
17 SECONDED. AND IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE,
18 THAT WILL BE THE ACTION. THAT CONCLUDES TODAY'S MEETING. THIS
19 MEETING IS ADJOURNED.

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5 CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED
6 LITIGATION

7 (Paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section
8 54956.9)

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10 Initiation of litigation (one case) (19-2036)

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12 **In open session, this item was referred back to County**
13 **Counsel.**